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CAPT. HENRY W. UFFELIN
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Caribbean Bible College

10th Jan. 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge
Haverhill, Conn.

Bible Teacher & Bible Conference Leader
West Indies General Mission

Dear Dr. Speer:

I greatly appreciate yr letter for which I thank
you. Also the copy of George Bowen. That is a very
fine book - the record of an unusual life. You would
have heard from me before this - but I've been
out many weeks holding conferences. & I am
sure you will kindly pardon the delay in writing you
thanking you for the inspirational & challenging record
of George Bowen.

The first few years here I lived in a native hut
& worked everywhere - strange to say that instead
of it being appreciated, I was held in contempt
by many & even until this day! But I know
whom I have believed & who I am seeking to
make known - many of the peasants thank
God for my coming with the word of life -

I know you have many demands made
upon you - but I wish with all my heart we
could have some of your books as the following I
notice in your list of the New World:

The Stuff of Manhood
Men who were found faithful
Some Great leaders in the World Movement
Christ & Life

Remembers Jesus Christ
Paul the All-round Man

The Deity of Christ

Horace Tracy Pitkin

Missionary Principles & Practice

Hugh McAllister Pease

and I wish I could get a copy of the life of
William W. Boarden whom I was my
great privilege to ^{have} know.

In your retirement may you find sweet
moments of joy day by day & what a great joy
will be in the morning! in the land of endless day
& cloudless sky - the Lord bless you richly!

I enclose stamped addressed envelope I might
add that we have no salary & no guarantees from
any human source - we make no appeals for
money - the Lord has kept us now over 10 years - but a
new book is a rarity & a happy treat! Thanking you,
& with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,
J. W. Luffelin

Tenghsien, Shantung, ⁵² June 28th, 1940.

Dear Dr. Speer; -

Your letter of Feb. 10th was rec'd in due time, but the reply has been delayed because I do not want to weary you with correspondence. You probably have your full quota. A semi-annual letter should soon reach you - purposely brifer than usual - perhaps then the recipients will read it all! Miss Baldridge - good faithful girl - is no longer able to mimeograph my letters, but the Lord has never failed to raise up good friends, and before she wrote that it was not possible for her to carry on any longer, a young lady in Philadelphia had written offering to do any such work that I might need. so that the coming letter will come from that city.

Have you seen a book called "The Secret of the Univers" by a Dr. Ward of Boston? Some think a new star of the first magnitude has appeared, but it, in my judgment simply befogs the subject. The definitions offered of the Fourth Dimension, Time, and Space, etc., strike me as puerile - but then I am not a philosopher. Lagrange, followed by Eistein, in defining the first, come nearer what might be so called. As to Time, what do you think of my own definition, "Time is that part of eternity which can be measured?" Its measrement may be said to have begun with the Earth's revolution around the Sun, the Moon's revolution around the Earth, and the rotation of the Earth itself, but when these three have all passed away, time, as we understand it, will be no longer. Space is that portion of what Laotsze calls the Great Emptiness in which relative direction, can be postulated. I suppose that you will agree with me that there is no absolute direction. If you have seen the above book, I would like to have your opinion of it.

As to America's position regarding the European situation, I am absolutely puzzled as to the isolationists. Would that some one would "teach our senators wisdom!" They stand in great need of it. It is hardly worthwihle for the republicans to spend much time selecting a candidate for president as the chances of his being elected are but small. The powers of the German octopus is almost incredible, but I have no doubt but finally the words of

of Queen Louise regarding Napoleon when he had trodden Prussia under foot will come true. She refused to lose faith in a God of justice, and it was not many years until Napoleon was on St. Helena. Nor have the people here, though the prospect looks dark enough, lost faith in the final outcome of their troubles.

The merchants in the interior places, like this, are having great difficulty in obtaining goods, for they are not allowed to carry more than \$50 as they travel on the trains, and of course they cannot buy goods without paying for them. We are besieged with men wanting Shanghai cheques. They are willing to pay a premium of 15%, ready cash, to get these cheques, but our ability to accommodate them is limited. I do not understand why the invaders so prohibited the carrying of money unless it is that they wish to freeze out the native merchants, and establish themselves.

One of these merchants, who acts as my banker, has just told me now that two days ago, a couple of gendarmes stopped him on the street with the question, "Where are you going?" "Going to see a friend." They then proceeded to search him thoroughly, making him take off even his shoes and socks. They presumably were after Chinese money which, if they had found on him, they would have confiscated and then punished him; as Chinese money, which the people delight to use, is strictly prohibited.

Well, it is time to get down to the day's work, and you doubtless have something else than reading my lucubrations to do.

I am a poor typist, drop too many letters, but my pen fingers are still rather numb, and this is clearer than my script.

With kindest regards as ever,

Yours sincerely,

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WALTER LYMAN UPSON
LITCHFIELD
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

I took it upon myself to call on you yesterday afternoon on the chance of finding you in.

My particular object was to invite you to speak on the Citizenship Day program in Torrington, Thursday evening, October 16, 1941. This is an interesting occasion, where the newly made citizens and new voters are gathered together for inspiration and to help them to realize what citizenship in this country means, or should mean to them.

There are about six hundred of these new voters in Torrington, many of them of foreign extraction, and they enter into the occasion with zest.

I realize that you have many engagements and may be unable to meet this date, but it would be a very happy event for us if you could be with us.

My own interest in Torrington is due to the fact that I work there, although living in Litchfield, nearby.

If you find you can accept our invitation, I should be happy to call on you again to give you more particulars and to arrange for you to get to Torrington.

Very truly yours,

Walter L. Upson

Vail, Wm. H.

WM. H. VAIL, A. M., M. D.

141 SECOND AVENUE

NEWARK, N. J.

Jan. 5, 1942.

Dear Dr. Speer.

Last Friday I was happy to be able to take Mrs. John McDowell to Roselle to attend the aervices in connection with the passing on of Mr. Stevenson.

They told me that you were there, and I was sorry that I did not have pleasure of shaking your hands, for it is quite a long time since we have met, you know.

I had known Mr. Stebensen for so many years, in connection with the meetings of the Synod of New Jersey, for he always had a report to make to the Synod.

How the older people are dropping off. I trust that there are good younger people rising up to take their places in the Church and the worl .

Of course you have read the splendid work of Dr. Weatherhead of England, entitled This is the Victory. That could not escape your eyes, for it is the spiritual work for Gods people at thia time of trial and stress.

Then there is the other work by Hubert Herring, entitled Good Nieghbors, and teats of our neighbors in South Amerivan colonies. It is a great work. I have read both of them with great profit. They were presented to me this Holiday season, or I should not have seen them.

We are passing through a great crisis which we shall never forget, and I have no fear but that things will come out all right, and I trust that Gods people will learn the lesson that belongs to these days of trial and stress, but I must not try to enlarge upon a subject upon which you are much better inforemed than your obedient srevant.

Trasing that you are keeping well, and enjoying the days as they come and go, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Vail

Van Dusen, Henry P.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

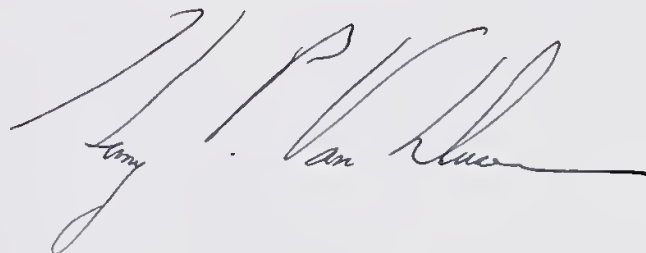
My dear Dr. Speer:

You will recall our correspondence in the summer regarding the projected publication which our Group of thirty-two has been considering for some months. After very thorough consideration and the canvassing of advice from many sources, ten of us who met a week ago were of one mind that we should go forward with the periodical.

The enclosed sheet gives a general idea of our thought about its purpose, etc. It is hoped that all thirty-two signers of our earlier declarations will consent to be associated with it as a sponsoring committee. May we include your name?

Don't allow yourself to be frightened away by questions of financial support. We fully realize that several of the Group already carry heavier financial responsibilities than they can well manage, and will be in a position to do little, if anything, along these lines for CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS. No one must feel the slightest obligation. In case persons do occur to you who would care to know of our plans or might possibly be interested to contribute toward launching the paper, I enclose several extra copies of the prospectus.

Faithfully yours,



Henry P. Van Dusen

Van Ess, John

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To Mr. Speer, Director, Dept.
June 14/40

Dear Mr. Speer:

I just received the
encl. from William Triller of
Peking, which he has asked me
to forward to you -

In his letter he reminds me that
it was a remark of mine at
Princeton Summary in 1918
which turned his attention to Persia.

I wonder if you remember the following:
In the Spring of 1902 when I was
a Senior at P.T.S. we were sitting
together at the Barbamb Club and
you asked me what I was planning
to do. I told you that I had applied
for Arabia but that our Board
was slow in making any

decision. Hereupon you said you
would tell Dr. Cobb (old Dr. N. D.)
that your Board would not send
me to Acadia. The Presb. Board
would gladly send me to Russia.
I brought quick packets for in
a day or two I was appointed to
Acadia and have been supremely
happy ever since.

With affectionate regards and good wishes
from my family,

John Barlow

Notation by your secretary - ERS

Waddell, H. Clayton

This seems to me so silly I hardly like to send it on to you! I have acknowledged it, and with difficulty kept from telling the gentleman what I thought of the folly of such research. A living faith in a living Christ, A glowing love for others, a deep conviction that the one thing that will help others or the world is this faith, and a longing to share it with all others who want it and will take it- this seems simple, but I realize, too how seldom I have shared with others my conviction by spoken word- if I have shared it at all, my life must have done the speaking. But perhaps I am too quick to dismiss Mr Waddells type of study. If he would read John Bowen he would learn much, tho' J.B. did not have many "conversions" to record.

Box 179
Yale Divinity School
New Haven, Connecticut
March 6, 1941

MS
Dr. Robert E. Speer
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Speer:

For the next few weeks we are making a psychological study of the technique of counseling. The particular phase of the subject to which we are directing our attention is "Counseling leading toward conversion". You would render me and the members of my psychology seminar a significant service if you would take a few minutes from your busy schedule and write down the counseling technique you employ in leading persons toward the conversion experience. Please include such things as your attitude, the attitude of the counseled, what you expect to happen, what happens, why you counsel, what you say, what he says, what you do, what he does. These are suggestions to give you some idea of the objective type of data we will be able to use most effectively.

We are interested in knowing the use you make of prayer, the Bible and the suggestion to surrender to the will of God. Is there a difference in your counseling technique when the person does and when he does not request your assistance?

We shall be greatly indebted to you for sharing with us your experience.

Sincerely yours,

Clayton Waddell

H. Clayton Waddell



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God bless you, fill your heart with song,
This Easter morn, and all day long;
And may it linger there always,
Its music haunting all your days.

A gentle song of joy and peace,
From burdens giving glad release;
And of the Hope eternal, born
To us on Resurrection morn.

Richard W. Wallace

Easter 1941.

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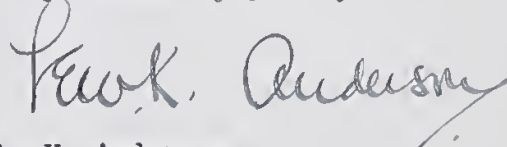
Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge,"
Lakeville,
Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

As you will see from the note on the enclosed typed copy of an address by Dr. William Wallace, I have been asked to forward this copy to you.

Dr. Wallace has been in Mexico for some months following an extensive trip through the states of the Caribbean area.

Very sincerely yours,



L. K. Anderson

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CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE.

Introductory Note: This address was given in the Cathedral Church -San José de Gracia Mexico City- of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Mexico, during the sessions of the International Congress of Religious Education, held in Mexico City, July 16 to July 20, 1941, by Dr. William Wallace. Dr. Wallace is an honorably retired missionary of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. in Mexico, having served in the country 1890 to 1934. He was followed by Rev. Samuel Ortégón, of Mexican birth and ancestry, who has spent most of his life in the United States as a minister of the M.E. Church among the Spanishspeaking people of the Southwest.

It was a happy idea of the Program Committee to ask an American citizen of Mexican birth and ancestry to speak on behalf of the United States on Christian friendship north of the Rio Grande and another speaker on the same evening, born in Bogotá, SA. who had spent the major and better part of his life in Mexico, to represent Christian friendship on the South of the Rio Grande. We are, in a certain sense, asked to dedicate the International Bridge of Christian friendship which has been in process of building during the past 70 odd years. Whatever doubts a man approaching 80 years of age felt in accepting were dissipated when he remembered the oft repeated statement of his Mexican friends "Vd. es más mexicano que nosotros" (you are more Mexican than we ourselves).

My feelings of affection are indeed much deeper than ~~that~~ those of the man who simply likes Mexico. I love her dearly; I love her in every phase of her life, whether physical or spiritual; her fantastic mountains; her fascinating valleys; her jungles and bleak tablelands; her mountain trails; her Indians, meztizos, criollos and her foreign colonies; the multicolored mosaic of her history, Aztec, colonial and as an independent republic; her long continued struggles to achieve a unity of national life by the incorporation of her humblest citizen as a social factor in her national life.

The literatures of ancient peoples and the writings of their philosophers gave to Friendship a high place in ethics. Plato discourses eloquently on friendship in his Republic. Aristotle in his Ethics, intimates that wealth is indispensable to maintain it thro the exercise of lavish hospitality. Cicero devotes a whole treatise to it in his ~~treatise~~ Amicitia. But in the ancient world friendship was limited to individuals. International friendships were unknown and inconceivable. Any nation of different culture was looked on as as barbarian and inferior.

The creation of the highest type of friendship awaited the coming of the Son of God as the Son of man. It was Jesus who produced a type of friendship, of which the world, for long centuries took little note, but which is more enduring and intimate

Please let me have this - + forward to Mr. Spence 25 copy with Wallace

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than any merely human virtue.. No ~~other~~ substitute can be as effective in binding together in unbreakable bonds peoples differing radically in race, in language, in culture and in historical traditions.

Christ showed the way clearly and surely by which, first of all, a real understanding can be secured between God and man, and as a corollary between man and his fellowman. Thus christians of all nationalities, thro the God-man, become heirs of a common redemption, march forward in a common faith, fight as fellow soldiers in a common cause and cherish a common hope of being promoted to the ranks of the Church triumphant.. In this ^spirit we of Mexico salute the great body of delegates of the International Congress who have crossed the Rio Grande to do teamwork with us ..

A few concrete illustrations of the way in ^{which} these golden strands ~~are~~ have been woven into unbreakable cables supporting the international bridge of friendship will mean more on this occasion than many fine phrases of rhetorical sentiment.

Some 70 years ago articles securing liberty of public worship, and written into the Constitution of 1857, first became effective. A group of pioneer evangelical missionaries seized the opportunity to enter the door thus opened. They began their work in many centres in almost every State of the Republic. For three generations Mexicans have watched a continuous procession of christian workers—ministers, physicians ~~and~~ teachers and social workers—coming and going across the Rio Grande, and busily weaving a pattern of christian friendship. In that procession I would include hundreds of priests and bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, who at different periods have spent years of exile in the United States. They have gladly testified to the sympathy and courtesies extended to them by members of other christian faiths in Yankeelandia..

During these same years missionaries watched with pride the growth of scattered groups of believers into strong self-supporting and self-respecting younger churches under the able leadership of their national pastors and evangelists.. On the other hand, during the pioneer period especially, field missionary superintendents, like my father with whom I was associated, were the constant recipients of a heartwarming hospitality in thousands of Mexican homes, from that of the humblest Indian in his jacal-hut, up thro every stratum of Mexican social life.

Other strands of christian friendships between teachers and pupils were woven throughout the years, between in hundreds of evangelical schools, from Primary

up thro S[̄]condary and Normal grades,including Theological and Bible Schools. During t
the past 20 years a majority of these schools have been taken over by the Government i
in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1917. But they served well their
day and generation in the Golden Age during which they basked in the sunshine of offi-
cial approval, and their graduating exercises were favored with the presence of State
governors and town Presidentes. In all of Latin-America the relationship between teach-
er and pupil is far more intimate than in the United States, where the pupils devotiom
is absorbed by his Alma Mater as an institution. From my own experience, nothing sweeter
can life give than to hear "maestro" murmured into the ear , accompanied by a warm abra-
zo from a pupil who has perhaps achieved high distinction in the life of the nation.

Strong friendships have also been ^{created} ~~formed~~ in the various activities of
christian Social S_ervice carried on in various centres thro the cooperation of nationa^ls
and americans in teamwork partnership. Time limits permit only a brief reference to the
splendid work of the Y.M.C.A., opened near the close of the last Century, as also that of
the Y.W.C.A., begun more recently. Walter Taylor's gradual development of a cohesive and
devoted group of christian Leaders under the Presidency of Ing. José A. Cuevas, and back-
ed by a cosmopolitan group of financial supporters has won the respect and affection oof
the Capital.

A Free Dormitory for homeless newsboys and bootblacks was born and support-
ed for several years during the most confused period of the Mexican Revolution in the
spirit of christian friendship. It was born on Christmas Eve, 1912. A presbyterian miss-
ionary that night noticed a dozen streetwaifs sleeping in a drizzling rain around an el-
ectric light , with newspapers as their only covering. He made this prayer "Father of the
little Lord Jesus, who this night, 2000 years ago at least counted on a stable as shelter
and the loving presence of his Virgin Mother, help me thy child, to secure shelter and a
care for the thousands of boys who have been thrown out on the streets of Mexico by th
their unnatural parents." Within ten days a Board of Directors, composed half a dozen n
nationalities and as many different faiths set to work .. Funds were secured, a three sto-
ry house near the cathedral Plaza, property of the Archbishop, was secured , a presbyter-
ian elder and his wife served as managers, and 200 ~~man~~ boys wre given a daily bath, mer-
merienda, nightclasses and a bed. S[̄]. Zetina, creator of the Excelsior shoe factories was
the informing spirit. ^{An} ~~The~~ indirect product was the formation of fast friendships among

the informing spirit of the whole enterprise. An indirect product was the formation of fast christian friendships among a prominent group of the Capital's citizens.

A few years ago a group of christian young men and women from the U.S. initiated the establishment of Linguistic Centres all over Mexico for the study of Indian languages and dialects. Today there are 40 of them residing in among 18 tribes. They have settled in small Indian communities, identifying themselves with the government program of social betterment. President Cardenas, knowing that the work has no ecclesiastical connections has given it his personal support. He is not ignorant that the project is in the hands of christian men.

I have reserved to the last, as I consider it, in many ways, to be the most important, the skilful weaving of strands of christian friendship by a succession of christian men who have worthily represented the U.S. in Mexico, as Ministers and Ambassadors. High in this roster stand the names of Hon. John W. Foster; Hon. Dwight Whitney Morrow; Hon. Ruben Clark and Hon. Josephus Daniels. Amb. Daniels represents 9 years of continuous service, being actually Dean of the diplomatic corps. Together they represent a cross section of the U.S. including New England, New York, the Middle West, the Far West and the great South.

John W. Foster of Indiana was accredited to Mexico as Minister from March 1873 to March 1880. He arrived in Mexico shortly after the death of President Benito Juarez, continuing through the first term of Porfirio Diaz. Before that, and for a number of years afterwards our diplomatic representatives in Latin America were chosen chiefly in view of important financial or political contributions to the successful party in the preceding presidential elections rather than because of any special fitness for the duties they were to discharge. But John Foster, who was later Minister to China and Secretary of State displayed those qualities of christian statesmanship which shone later in a distinguished Trio succeeding each other in the Embassy, viz. Morrow, Clark and Daniels.

It was D.W. Morrow who initiated a new technique in State relations between the two Republics. This technique was inspired not so much by international legal precedent as by the ethics of the Sermon on the Mount. It proved so successful in practise on all essential questions in dispute that it has become a fine tradi-

tion in our Embassy.

As a young man ,I with others,used to watch with keen eagerness the reports that came in from the various Staes of the Union w in the presidential elections. This was specially the case regarding Maine,remembering the phrase"as Maine goes so goes he the Union". With greater truth one might say"as Mexico reacts to the attitude taken by the Unitee States so reacts all of Latin America". Before the coming of Morrow uncle Sam'S representatives ,in common with a very ancient tradition governing international proe- ceedure considered it their chief business to represent the rights of American citix - living zens abroad,both in person and property,under international law. In consequence most of their time was spent in pressing claims and asserting rights.

But D^Wight Morrow,with his experience as a lawyer saw that such legal dis- putes,far from reaching satisfactory conclusions,became a constant cause of increasingg irritation between the two countries. So he decided to give a new interpretaion in di- plomacy to the gospel phrase"and the word became flesh". As one of his biographers re- marked:" His technique...was patiently evolved from his early etics(I would add in a christian home with an accurate knowledge of the Bible)..and patiently confirmed by the discipline of study,the lessons of experience and the processes of trial and error." Du- ring his long association with the banking firm of Morgan & CO. he showed an uncanny faculty for understanding and appreciating the viewpoints and prejudices of opposing interestsand for bringing them to a satisfactory agreement on the basis of principles that assured the interests of both parties concerned. On accepting President Coolidge's request that he come to Mexico,he at once began to prepare himself for an intelligent understanding of the internal and external troubles of this country. He not only post ed himslef on the oil and church questions but he studied the whole background of Mexico's historical heritage.

Imbued with the mind of the Master he decided to follow in his foot- steps. Abandoning the heavenly(?) heights of New York's financial centre where his fu- ture seemed to lie,he saw in the task Pres. Coolidge had asked him to undertake an op- portunity to unravel a difficult situation and be of service both to Mexico and his own country.He emptied himself of pride of place and dign ity,severing all connections

with the House of Morgan ..When he and Mrs. Morrow arrived in Mexico City October 1927, the situation ,both national and international could not have been worse. The Mexican Government had reached an empasse with the Roman Catholic hierarchy and foreign investors;both British and American^s were clamoring for a settlement of the oil conflict. In the oil question he acted officially. In the religious question he acted unofficially, serving merely as counsellor and friend. In both questions ,by friendly approaches to the parties interested,with great tenacity and patience he succeeded in reducing the problems to fundamental issues on which a mutually agreeable solution could be reached. Though neither of these temporary solutions proved to be permanent ,they showed a new way in diplomatic procedure;away inspired in genuine christian friendship,which seeks benefits for all concerned.

When he left Mexico he had finished his last and greatest task.-The stress and strain of this and previous tasks, involving sleepless nights and worried days, had worn him out. He passed away in 1931 at 58 years of age from a cerebral hemorrhage. But the spirit of christian friendship in International affairs of which Morrow was the symbol still lives on in the three Americas.

Mexico City has become increasingly popular as the seat for international conventions during the present century. We have had them of every variety...medical;labor;educational;arqueological;rotarian;chambers of commerce; They have all come and gone leaving their deposit of goodwill. But this Congress is the first international gathering with a distinctive christian character. Mexico tonight holds out her hands and clasps in a warm embrace our hundreds of delegates from other lands and in a very special fashion our gringo brothers from North of the Rio Grande.

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YUWA KAI (F.O.R. in Japan)

March 18, 1941

Dear Dr. Speer :-

I often think back to the scene in some restaurant, when you and Dr. White offered Gladys and me the opportunity of coming to Tokyo. I have always believed that you were definitely led at that time and that we, too, were in accepting. I never thought that the missionary movement in Japan would face what it faces to-day, of all of which you may doubtless have heard, but I wish to say plainly that, as far as some few of us are concerned, we believe that God has still great things for us to do here in this land, where the Gospel of Christ is so desperately and tragically needed. We thank Him that we are here.

This letter is being written to appraise you of the fact that a delegation of Japanese Christians is leaving Japan this month to consult with American Christians and that Dr. Tada, the leader of the delegation, considers that his most important mission in the States is to confer with you.

However, to begin at the beginning, I will state that at the Annual Meeting of the National Christian Council held last fall, a resolution was passed to create a commission on "Japan-USA Relations". Some twenty leading Japanese and three foreign missionaries (Dr. Bowles, Quaker, Dr. Iglehart, Methodist, and I) were appointed on the commission. The Japanese appointed were the outstanding leaders in the Japanese Church. Almost weekly the commission has been meeting and has done some good work. About a month ago, initiated by Osaka Christian business-men, money began to pour into the treasury of the National Christian Council, with suggestions from various parts of the Empire that a commission of Japanese Christians be sent to the USA. After much consideration, a delegation has been selected and, according to present plans, will sail on three ships, March 20th, March 27th and April 5th. The present personnel is :-

Dr. Tada (Presbyterian), leader of the delegation, who stated that he will not touch upon political issues, but wishes to see you, to attend General Assembly and pray with American Christians.

Mr. T. Matsuyama (Congregationalist), M.P., politically minded, who speaks but little English and who unfortunately seems to have much upon his heart the fact that, in his opinion, the "Nine-Power Treaty" is unjust to Japan, just as the Versailles Treaty was unjust to Germany. We who have talked to him can not make him see the justice of the former, though we agree as to the injustice of the latter.

Miss Michi Kawai (Presbyterian) and leading Christian woman of Japan: Mr. Soichi Saito (Baptist) and head of the YMCA: Dr. T. Kagawa (Presbyterian) with his secretary, Mr. Ogawa: Rev. M. Kozaki (Congregationalist), Bishop Abe (Methodist) and Dr. Wm. Axling (Baptist missionary).

I write a somewhat detailed description of Dr. Tada's purpose and Mr. Matsuyama's purpose, for they stand at the opposite poles, as far as the definition of objectives is concerned. The

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latter, I fear, will insist upon presenting his arguments for the "New Order in East Asia", etc. ad nauseam. Dr. Tada, on the other hand, will not do so.

Possibly I need not say that I have been opposed to the sending of the delegation from the very beginning. For one thing, the objectives have never been clearly defined. For another thing, the purpose of the plan in the minds of several of the delegates is to get Americans "to see the light" as to the sins of the USA vis a vis Japan - a motivation which is sure to result in argument and open wider the breach between the Christians of the two countries. I myself have long realized the unChristian attitudes that the USA has taken to Japan, as a nation, but in this case the "bone of contention" will be what is happening in China. While Americans are in general, pretty ignorant of the facts in that distressed country, Japanese are in even more ignorance. Last summer I travelled through the occupied areas, at the request of the China Council and with the consent of the Board and Japan Mission, and I realized then as never before how little the average Japanese, fed through a heavily censored press, knows of the facts in re China. For these reasons I have opposed the plan and, in every committee meeting, asked for a clarification of the purpose and pled that under no circumstances political and economic and international issues be discussed. Dr. Iglehart too has opposed it. In fact, the only missionary with whom I have talked who is thoroughly in favor of the plan is the Dr. Axling who is going with them. As far as I can see, from the human standpoint, only harm can grow out of the plan. I fear very, very much that the delegation will return from the States, more convinced than they are at present that the USA is "anti-Japanese" and hostile, even the Christians.

But where man has ruled, possibly God will over-rule. It would be impossible to pick out finer Christians than Dr. Tada, Mr. Kozaki, Miss Kawai (who says that she goes "with penitence in her heart") and Dr. Kagawa, and I pray that, in His own way, God can control and rule the delegation and preside over it in such a way that His Kingdom will be brought nearer to Japan. I have written you, thinking that possibly something I write will become of use to you, when you see Dr. Tada. Of course we have received hospitable cables from Messrs. Cavert, Ross, Warnshuis and VanKirk, and I presume that it is through them that you will be informed of the precise plans.

With the warmest regards and the expression of the hope that you will often remember this befuddled nation of Japan in your prayers,

I am,
Yours in His Service,



(Theodore D. Walser)

PS - I enclose a copy of a letter received this am from Rev. Mr. Kozaki, one of the delegates and Chairman of the sub-Committee on Arrangements. The objectives stated here are even broader than the ones I mentioned.

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THEODORE D. WALSER

July 17, 1941

Dear Dr. Speer :-

We are gathered for our 82nd Annual Mission Meeting and the thought is thrust upon us - Will it be our last? The pressure upon missionaries has already taken off all but some 150 Americans or less and it is hard to foretell how long we can bear up under the strains to which we are subjected. But, ably seconded by our Board, we Presbyterians have established ourselves as "a continuing mission" and we are hoping for guidance from God as to ways and means by which our service to Christ's cause here in Japan can continue. There are 19 of us left only.

I wish to thank you for your note of last April, an acknowledgement of which is long overdue. You have heard ere this that Dr. Tada passed away just before the Japanese Fellowship Deputation left for the USA. Since they have returned, we have learned that the vexing international issues were not discussed - at least in the public gatherings. While therefore our Japanese friends missed the opportunity to hear "the other side", I do feel that the Christian fellowship and friendship developed was a real gain.

I trust that the Christian Church at home will take a strong attitude toward the war-makers and do whatever it can to foil the plans of those who wish to increase pressures against and a show of non-Christian, destructive violence to evil-doers. Surely we are learning anew that evil must be "overcome by good" only and that the way of war is a denial of the Cross of Christ. Also it is more crystally clear than ever before that only Christ can save Japan and the world,

We are counting heavily upon the prayers of the Church of Christ at home and upon your insistence that the USA be thoroughly Christian in its international relationships. What a complete tragedy it would be if the USA should join in the general conflagration that is now raging.

Ever,
Yours in His Service,

Theodore J. Walser

Walters, Marvyn M.

MARVIN M. WALTERS, D. D.

~~614 STUART ST.~~

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CARLISLE, OHIO

New Jersey : Manse

June 13, 1943

and
My dear Doctor Speer:

Your sermon at Franklin was so fine Sunday evening. We did so much enjoy that address, and like all yours, you hit the exact spot where it seems God demands our preaching just now. One man said to me years ago, I do not remember just whom, Dr. James G.K. McClure, let us say, "That man Speer seems to be so under the control of the Holy Spirit that every sermon he preaches goes directly to the spot, so much so that even if Speer can see at times signs of failure in what he says, the people don't detect it anyway." If half that is true, it is a big order you have been filling for our Common Lord this half century past. He went on to say, "I have heard that man twice or even three times in a single day, only to have each address more rich and splendid than the one preceding."

We will celebrate our 130 anniversary this coming September 12th to 19th. How we would like to have you for one or two talks at that time. I suppose it is beyond us. But write me anyway at your early leisure and tell me where you are likely to be at that time.

Yours gratefully and prayerfully,

Marvyn M. Walters

*P.S. Our two eldest, Henry & Ralph, are
Presbyterian ministers in Wisconsin*



L. & Warless
% a. N. Steabler
514 W. 122 St.
New York.
May 8, '43

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

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My dear Dr. Speer;

I enclose
a copy of a quotation I have
written and would like to use
with your approval and
permission, in a brief
summary of the life of
Sir William.

Some of this quotation
has been in print over your
name, and the last "this is
his monument" you said to
me, personally, on your visit
to Miraj when I entertained you.
I am on a short visit in
New York. Hoping for a favorable
reply, sincerely yours
Lillian Warless.

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California. In 1933 he was laid to rest in the mausoleum at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale.

While those skillful hands are at rest the soul of Sir William lives on in the hearts of the Indian people. "The name of William James Wanless will go down in the annals of history as one of the greatest missionaries of his generation," said ^{Dr.} ~~Rev.~~ Robert E. Speer, ~~D.D.~~; and of the large group of institutions he ^{added} ~~said~~, "This great medical center stands as a permanent memorial to a preeminently useful service for Christ and the people of India. This is his monument."

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604 North Johnson Street
Clarksville, Arkansas
November 18, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Again I come to you as I have done in each important change in my plans since first going to Japan. There is no one here well-enough acquainted with possibilities for me to seek much in the way of advice or information. Our pastor is in his first charge and President Hurie of the college is almost too tied up with college finances to find out much about possibilities for an ex-teacher, though he would do all he could.

I feel that my work here is about finished to the point that each duty could be performed better by some younger and more modern person. In the three years since my retirement from teaching in the college change has been rapid: there are only three students on the campus who have been in classes with me, there are only nine on the faculty with whom I have taught, and the office force is entirely new. Thus my principal duties in the college are an occasional march down the aisle as an emeritus with only that connection with the active faculty, and a few parties on the campus. The church work goes on as before but I feel strongly that my Sunday School class of young matrons should have a more up-to-date teacher, that the Young Women's Missionary Society should now be able, for their own good, to carry on for themselves, and that it is a mistake for the Ladies' Aid to depend too long upon one person as president and adviser.

For two years I have lived alone in this seven-room house with overhead too expensive to allow anything but absolute necessities, because the college has become able to furnish opportunities for the social life of the students as it was not when the house was built, and they work hard enough to fill their dormitories that even one taken out to live in a home is not convenient. My house is too far from town for a town woman to live with me, and, indeed, few town persons would like to be so very much on the campus as late purchases have made my house. A group of church elders this week tried to convince me that I ought to rent a room down town and go on with church work here and let them "who love you and know you take care of you when you grow old". The love and kindness shown are very gratifying but I fear it would not be wise to try to stay here. It is not good to live alone and with persons so interested in other things. This white head has to keep steady to try to find what is wise.

I wrote Miss Margaret Hodge, who knows the situation fairly well from having spent a week with me some time ago and from some correspondence since, and she seemed to think my proposal to seek residence in some home or other retreat while still able to do so calmly and serenely and physically fit to be admitted is the wise and logical thing to do. A letter to Dr. Reid S. Dickson elicited the reply that they "would be happy to have me as a guest in Thornton Home in Newburgh, Indiana".

A few days ago my doctor told me that my eyes "would now safely pass the test for entrance into the army and there is no danger now of anything going wrong with

them under ordinary usage, "A REAL MIRACLE", and that general health is rather above the average for my age.

You have so often and so effectively helped me in times of decision that I now feel that I dare ask again. I know nothing of our Presbyterian Homes beyond Miss Hodge's letter and the copy of the "Rules for Admission" sent by Dr. Dickson. I have the minimum pension of \$50 per month, about \$5 per month from an annuity with our Foreign Board, and whatever the house here will bring--about \$4000 if the college buys it as they now think they can. This would be sufficient for comfort and an occasional visit or trip.

Thus the question is Thornton Home or ----what? Are there other places more wise of choice? The idea of being with other retired congenial Christian workers appeals strongly. I wish not to be selfish in choice. Faith is strong and I seek only the wise choice where I would be least burdensome to others when ability slows down.

I trust that I am not presumptuous in writing thus fully to you and asking for any advice and information and suggestion that you may be led to give.

With kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Speer,

Yours very sincerely,

Isabelle Mae Ward

Warrick, Penna S.

HILLREST
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May 12, 1943.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

Mrs. John received such a nice letter from Will Schultz, Class of '95, The Hill, that she is passing an excerpt of it on to you, to which we all heartily agree.

Mrs. John has been confined to bed for some weeks, but is sitting up for a short

What was
the
purpose?

time each day; she has not been downstairs for many weeks; it is very forlorn without her!

Mrs. John sends her dearest love to both Mrs. Speer and yourself, and hopes you get good news from your family abroad.

We are so happy to know you are to be here for Commencement.

Warmest-greetings to all.
Very sincerely
Anna S. Warrack

Weller, Charles F.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

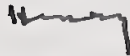
I appreciated so deeply your lovely letter of sympathy of December 7th, and I am only sorry to be so slow in acknowledging it.

We missed you greatly at the services in Englewood, but I think we all felt your love just the same. It was wonderful to have Mrs. Speer and Patty come, and we all appreciated no end the great effort they made to be there that day.

We like to think of Mother being buried in the Speer plot in the lovely cemetery there in Englewood. It meant so much to all of us not to have to go up to Wilkes-Barre at that time.

Jo and the children join with me in sending you and Mrs. Speer and Patty and her children our love and best wishes for a very happy Christmas.

Affectionately,



Henry H. Welles

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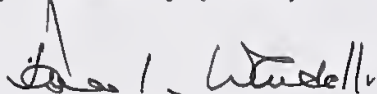
Dear Dr. Speer:

Marnie joins me in sincere appreciation of the fine message which you gave our boys and parents last Sunday.

You will be interested to know that one of the boy's parents who attended our Commencement exercises told Marnie that he had had a very hard decision to make the following day, and in thinking over what he should do, he said your sermon on "What Is Right" recurred to him again and again, and finally helped him reach what he felt was the proper solution of his problem.

With our kindest regards, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James I. Wendell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J".

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

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November 18, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Recently I was in St. Louis and Indiana, and the trip recalled happy memories of an expedition I had taken with you to St. Louis when we were working for the South American schools, and I wished for you. I planned to fly in to New York and I had a berth on the plane from Indianapolis, but all ships were grounded and I came through by the slow rail route. The trip was made pleasant, however, by the fact that Billy Phelps was on board. He is good company as you know. He had with him a copy of a recent book by Gene Tunney that he was reviewing, called "Arms for Living". Gene, as you know, is now a Lieutenant Commander in charge of the physical fitness program of the Navy, with especial reference to naval fliers. There is a chapter in his book on prayer in the life of an athlete that Billy said reminded him of Mike Sweeney's references to prayer. This is chapter 16 in the book which is published by Wilfred Funk, New York.

Billy spoke of an address you had made at Yale during your collage days when you were a member of a Princeton team that came to Yale in 1887-88. Winthrop M. Daniels and Hector W. Cowan were members of the team with you. Billy wrote up a story for the New York TIMES October 21, 1941. I am enclosing a copy of his letter to the TIMES.

We had a fine trip in the Central Area. I was Captain of a Team of six missionaries on two different occasions, and I do enjoy very much the fellowship with these veterans from the field. They are the finest men and women in the world and the churches gave them a very cordial and appreciative reception.

Sandy had another forty-eight hour leave over this week-end, and delighted us by flying in on Saturday morning. Connie, the three boys and I all went to church and it was a joy to be together. Sandy is the first boy in the family to cut loose from the family budget and swing his own finances. The R.C.A.F. aircraftmen receive about \$40 a month plus their living expenses, and Sandy offered very seriously to his mother to contribute \$20 a month to the family budget. He said most of the other boys sent money home and he would like to help. I was touched by his thoughtfulness but told him if he would carry his own expenses, that would be satisfactory.

When he joined up in August I told him his greatest temptation would be that of the women who always follow the soldiers and especially the fliers. He rather questioned that statement, but this time as we were talking over his experiences,

he said that he understood better what I meant, and that about half the men in the air force whom he knew did not hesitate to indulge themselves in that way. He was indignant at the thought that he might become involved, and said to me, "Daddy, how long have I lived in the family?" I told him about nineteen years. He said, "You know you have made quite an impression on me in those years and I could not have lived those years in our family and then thought of doing such things." Sandy has always been a very brave and clean lad and what he said touched me deeply.

When he joined up his mother and I gave him and the risks in flying which are real, to God, and we do not really worry about those risks, but the hazards of temptation and evil are more formidable and against these he needs the sheltering power and grace of Christ. He hopes to go across sometime next spring.

I had the great joy of seeing Billy and Betty at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lester in Doylestown, when I had dinner there the Sunday after the Hill-Hotchkiss game. They are a handsome couple and it was fine to see them again. I am very fond of Jock and Mrs. Lester. Speer and Lester is a winning and beautiful combination.

I heard the other day a good tale of a Scotch lady and her method of meeting the bombing raids of the Nazis. She said, - "When we hear the air raid signals, I take down my Bible from the shelf and read the Twenty-third Psalm; then I say a wee prayer; then I take a wee drap; then I get into bed and cover up my head and say, 'To hell with Hitler!'"

Affectionately yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW/EC

Enclosure

P.S. I am also enclosing a clipping from the FOREST REPUBLICAN published in Tionesta, Pennsylvania, which gives the report of the game killed in the 1940 game season in Pennsylvania. The figures quoted sounded prodigious - nearly 200,000 deer, bucks and does; over 500 bear; 3,000,000 rabbits, 1,000,000 squirrels; nearly half a million pheasants. Apparently there is much more game in the State than existed when you or I were boys.

I was interested in the resemblance between your class motto at Andover and the motto of the R.A.F. which you mentioned in a recent letter. I am so glad you could go to the Clarion Presbytery Centennial, and I know the fathers and brethren appreciated your participation in that celebration.

W.R.W.

THE LATE HECTOR COWAN

To the Editor of The New York TIMES:

The death of Hector Cowan, reported in THE TIMES today, takes me back more than fifty years to the time when I saw him in action and became one of his intimate friends. He was a truly great football player, one of Princeton's immortal heroes, and remembered by all. He was on two teams that beat Yale, in 1885 (Lamar's run) and 1889. In 1887 I saw the Yale-Princeton game in a drenching rain; Yale won by two touchdowns if I remember rightly, but Cowan was the outstanding player on the field. Yale had a great team and a week later beat Harvard 17 to 8. Both these games were played in New York. Henry Ward Beecher was the Yale quarterback and captain, Pa Corbin was center, and running from that position scored a touchdown against Harvard.

Henry Drummond, the most effective speaker on religion I ever heard, gave a series of talks at Yale and at Princeton in the year 1887-88, and persuaded the two colleges to send out "deputations" of their prominent men to speak on religion. There was great excitement when the Princeton delegation came to Yale: Winthrop M. Daniels, Robert E. Speer, Hector W. Cowan. Daniels (valedictorian) made an original, thoughtful address; was later professor at Princeton and then at Yale. Speer, who became one of the foremost pulpit orators, gave a beautifully persuasive talk. Then Cowan, with sweat rolling down his face, said, "I feel more at home on the football field than on the platform, and I guess that will be about all"; but his sacrificial sincerity made a deep impression.

That summer I went to Chautauqua to play on the regular nine, whose captain was the great Stagg. We played two games a week for two months. I played second base and pitched, and Cowan was first base. We became very intimate friends. Everyone respected Cowan and loved him. I never knew a man of finer character, and he was so full of fun and high spirits that it was a delight to be with him.

New Haven, Conn., October 21, 1941.

Wm. Lyon Phelps.

Wheeler, Tex

WAR DEPARTMENT
HAMPTON ROADS PORT OF EMBARKATION
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

Jan. 1, 42

Dear Mr. Speer:

It was good of you to write as you did after receiving Miss book, second edition, and I was happy to have your letter.

I am so glad Pettys' husband could come to this country, and I hope she had the joy of a real visit with him. I think Billy is down at time to volunteer.

I hope and pray that Margaret and the others in China will be sent home as soon there as the hospitals,

where we ^{greeted} with great joy - I am glad you could see Mrs. John at the Hill. I have been in the Army these months - and have

found the life and work most engrossing and interesting. I

have been assigned the post of Port Historian, which means I can be in touch with all that is going on;

I am in General Hilditch's staff - which means I do various jobs for him: and it is all very full of zest and lively activity. I interview the troops and help get pictures of them as they disembark: and interview those who

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return - all the world - I wish I could write more about
them - but there are restrictions, as you know.

I can enclose a copy of a memorandum issued to
troops at ~~order~~ of one of the transports on the night before it went
into action - Nov 7 - off Morocco - I know the
Commander - and he is a fine character -

One young soldier, who was seriously wounded by the
explosion of a torpedo told me such a moving story of
how he was strengthened and sustained by prayer - and the
repeating of verses he had learned in earlier years - the 46th
Psalm - at the last verses of Romans 8. He was
just on a hospital train here direct from the transport return from
Morocco.

I have often thought of what you write in your book
"The Stuff of manhood"; how the youth of our country need
the qualities called "soldierly" - i.e. - "discipline and
awakened" -

I have contrasted the young soldiers I have
seen go aboard the transports here - with their steadiness,
self-control - and courage - with the youthful generation two
or three years ago, with its jitter and softness: and the experience
strengthens your faith that it is God and man -

I wish I could see you - My love to Mrs. Speer and you and all
your family - affectionately yours.
Pete Wheeler

Wheeler, W. Rex

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June 2, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
 "Rockledge"
 Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

After I returned to the office from the meetings of the General Assembly and from some calls I made after those meetings, I heard such fine things about your address and I was very sorry I could not be at the Assembly in time to hear you. The Board group were happy that you could drop in on the family dinner on the evening of your address. I was reading in the little devotional book put out by the Episcopal Church the verses for May 28, the day after the Assembly adjourned. The verses were from Ecclesiasticus, Chapter 44:

"Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.
 The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power
 from the beginning. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men
 renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding,
 and declaring prophecies: leaders of the people by their counsels,
 and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people."

I thought of you and of the other great leaders of our Church when I read these verses.

Francis Sayre gave a fine Christian witness at the Foreign Missions Breakfast, Tuesday morning at the Assembly, and later at a conference with friends and relatives of missionaries and Americans in Manila. I will send you a copy of the notes I took at that session, when they are ready.

The Foreign Missions events went off happily, with fine addresses by Dr. Lautenschlager and Dr. Leber on Tuesday night and by Dr. Elliott and Dr. Schell Wednesday morning. The Assembly was a very irenic one. It is interesting to see how peaceful the waters have become since the departure to other realms of some of those who seemed to delight in stirring up the seas of controversy.

Presbyterians never seem happy, however, if they are not battling about something, and there was a bit of a battle on the day when the report of the Committee on Social Action, etc. was made, under the leadership of Cameron Hall. This Committee had refrained from taking any position about the war, as far as our participation in it was concerned. Hugh Kerr pointed this out and suggested a resolution which was unanimously adopted, stating that, while the Assembly abhorred war; it believed there was no other course open than to fight this one out and asked for the support of the Church members in that effort.

Some time ago I sent a copy of an address by General Edward S. Martin to Lakeville, asking that it be returned when you and Mrs. Speer had finished reading it. Mrs. Speer had also sent a lovely picture of you with the grandchildren from abroad, which I would like very much to share with the Council here. I will not do that if you would prefer that it should not be done. On the other hand, I know it would give much pleasure to your friends here if they could see it.

General Martin has been nominated for Governor of Pennsylvania in the Republican Primaries by a substantial margin over Senator Davis. I would be interested in knowing what you thought of his speech.

I am going tomorrow to Ontario to see Sandy get his Wings.

With love and best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer, I am

Affectionately yours,



W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW/mz

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June 29, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your fine statement about the University of Nanking and for your good letter of June 23, which I received when I returned to the office today after a week's absence in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. I wrote also to T. V. Soong who, as you know, is Foreign Minister and is in Washington now. He came back with a single sentence, but I am glad that he has expressed himself and that we can quote what he has written. He wrote:

"Too few have realized the really important part that missionary schools, among the foremost of which the University of Nanking may be counted, have played in the modernization of China."

The other day my Aunt Lilla C. Wheeler, who lives in the old Wheeler home at Portville, New York, built nearly a hundred years ago, sent me some of the books of my grandfather, William F. Wheeler, and of my great grandfather, Quintus Flaminius Atkins. Some of the books were printed a century ago. One of them contains Jonathan Edwards' great sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." This was published by the Presbyterian Board of Publication. Some day I would like to tell you about Quintus Flaminius who became a Federal Judge in Cleveland and was a very earnest Christian. His daughter, Flora, was my father's mother. She died when he was only eight years old. I found among the papers at Endeavor this week, a little note in her handwriting which he had preserved carefully. He said the last time he saw her she asked him if he had said his prayers that day and when he admitted he hadn't, he could not help noticing the look of pain in her eyes, though she said nothing. I remember the beautiful letter you wrote Dr. John E. Williams when he lost his mother. You wrote, "My mother died when I was a very little boy so that my sympathy with those who have just lost, as you have lost, has always been touched with a little envy that they possessed for so many years the richest of all wealth." I know that father felt about his mother, who died when he was so young, as you did about your mother, and your letter to Dr. Williams expressed thought and feeling that were deep in his own mind and heart. Father wanted to be a minister and tried to study for the ministry, although all the other members of our family had gone into the lumber business. A doctor told him he had tuberculosis and must drop his studies, and that he could not live a year. In the attempt to regain his health, he went into the woods in Pennsylvania and took charge of the lumber operations there and lived to be 78 years of age. Providentially, his first year in the woods in 1865 he lived with a man who had come out of the Army and could not bear to have the windows closed, as many did in those days. The life in the woods and the open air apparently were just what was needed. I have been going over father's papers and old letters and I hope to

do some work during my vacation next month on a little memorial for him. I want to get down in the record what he told me of his early life and inner battles, so that the others in the family may have it. He several times said how glad he was to have someone in the family serve the Church, as he had hoped to do, and as no other member of our family, so far as I know, has done professionally. Curiously, when I went to take my Board examination to go to China, Dr. Bovaird told me I had T.B. and would have to drop all my work at the Seminary and couldn't go to China. He was just as wrong as father's doctor, but he gave me some unquiet moments until we had his diagnosis reversed by Dr. James Miller here in New York.

Father had an unusual combination of business ability, political sagacity and Christian spirit, and the combined efforts of his three sons in those three different fields hardly reached the total of his own achievements and spirit.

I am glad that you wrote out the record of Elliott's life and I hope some day it may be made available to relatives and friends.

With love and best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer, I am

Affectionately yours,



W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW/mz

Wheeler, W. Rex

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August 12, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

"Mike Sweeney", second edition, goes to press this week. We are working on the jacket for the book and I would like to include a sentence or two from you. I am enclosing a copy of the present jacket. We have nice statements from Billy Phelps, John Kieran, Hermann Hagedorn and others. You included the book in a list of volumes recommended for missionary reading in September, 1941, that was sent to Dr. Young and you mentioned in your talk to the out-going missionaries a year ago. Your statement concerning the book was as follows: "A story of one of the most remarkable educational personalities of recent years." I have quoted what you wrote Mr. Sweeney, at the time of his retirement from The Hill, in his autobiography on page 282:

"I have just seen the October issue of The Hill School Bulletin with its glorious articles about you and what you have meant to The Hill School and to the cause of athletics, and to the still greater cause of character-building in boys. I cannot forbear sending a word of warmest personal friendship for you and appreciation of all that you have done and been and meant during these years of your connection with The Hill, through all of which it has been a pleasure to know you and to watch your work."

The book will probably come out in September. If we could have a statement from you within a week or ten days, this would be in time, or even later would be all right. I wrote you asking for a "blurb" for the first jacket, but you ^{were} away then.

If it is not convenient to send on such a statement, of course I will understand. If it could be sent, I am sure it would please Mr. Sweeney very much and I would like to add your name to the names of the others who are included on the jacket who pay their tribute to Mike.

I preached in Warren, Pennsylvania, on August 2nd and went down to Endeavor and had a day and a half there. I had the great pleasure of flying from the Warren Airport over the hills and valleys, over Hearts Content and down Hickory Valley to Endeavor, and then back to the Warren Airport. There was a real thrill in seeing those well-remembered and well-loved valleys and streams and roads from the air.

Sandy is in his last months of operational training. He is stationed at Moss Bank, Saskatchewan. He achieved his desire of being a Pursuit Pilot and was the first to fly a Hurricane in the present training in Canada. I am enclosing a

snapshot and an account of his first trip in this swift fighter plane. Perhaps Caroline would be interested in them. I enclose also a copy of a later letter.

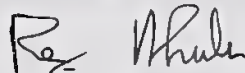
I had a letter last week which was rather unsettling. It was an invitation from Colonel John R. Kilpatrick (just nominated Brigadier) who is the Commanding Officer at Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation, to join up with him there as a captain and to head up the newly organized historical section of the recently created Transportation Division of the Army. I volunteered as a Chaplain about a year ago, but the age limit of 50 precludes acceptance now. If I go in, I would rather go as a Chaplain. There is the possibility that the age limit may be extended later. I am enclosing a copy of Kil's letter. He was Captain of our Freshman Football Team and of the University Track Team at Yale. I was with him on both teams and a classmate and a member of the same Senior Society, and I would love to be with him and with Fred Daly, whom he mentions in his letter, who was Football Captain at college. On the other hand, I know the demands and the needs of the work here and I would rather not tackle a job which a layman could do perhaps better, and would prefer to go as a Chaplain if I could get in later. I am going down to see Kil Sunday night and will see about what is offered. I took my physical exam last week and they certainly put you through a stiff workout that lasted about five hours.

The Army men think the war will continue for four or five years, that Russia will be knocked out and that it will come down to a fight to the finish with England and America and China, of course, as active belligerents on one side and the Axis Powers on the other. If the Axis group win, foreign missions will be submerged, to say the least, for many years, although I have faith to believe that eventually the Church will win out. But there is a tremendous pull to go in and try to help. This pull is all the stronger because I missed the other war and I would like so much to try and do my bit in this one. Of course, I will have to make the decision myself, but if you would care to do so, I would appreciate a word from you as to how the choice appears to you.

In any case, I would appreciate very much a couple of sentences about Mike's book.

Connie joins me in love and best wishes to you and to all the family.

Affectionately yours,



W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW/mz

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation
Newport News, Virginia

August 4, 1942

In reply
refer to: SPTAK 210

Rev. W. R. Wheeler
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Rex:

I wonder how it would appeal to you to come back in the Army in the Transportation Service rather than in the Corps of Chaplains. I need you badly here at Newport News and have an assignment which I think would appeal to you: i.e., that of Historical Officer, which would involve very close association with me and the various section chiefs in this important port of embarkation. As it looks now, I think we will be second in importance only to New York.

Fred Daly is a captain here with me and will be assigned as Provost Marshal. If you are interested in coming, please have yourself examined physically at the Army Dispensary in New York and come down here at once with your physical examination so that you can appear before my Officers' Candidate Board. I will be glad to recommend you for a captaincy. Your commission will probably be in the Transportation Service rather than in the Chaplains. I need you badly, Rex. If you feel that you can do it, take your examination, pack your grip and hurry down here. It will take probably ten days for your commission to come through, so you could plan on returning to New York to clean up your affairs after a day down here.

The best way to come is to take the 9 o'clock train on the Pennsylvania to Cape Charles and then the ferry to Old Point Comfort. If you come this way, you will arrive at 7 o'clock in the morning. Come immediately to the Chamberlin Hotel which is quite near the pier, and have breakfast with me, and I will take you in charge there. Merely send me a wire when you are coming and please make it soon.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Kilpatrick
Colonel, Cavalry
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August 11th, 1942

Dear Mr. Billington:

Thank you for your letter of August 6th, enquiring the price of *CARMINA GADELICA* (by Alexander Carmichael). On August 4th we received a postcard from you, dated July 31st, enquiring about the price and discount to you of Volumes III and IV of the *Carmina Gadelica*, to which we replied. I am enclosing a copy of our letter in case the original went astray: your postcard was signed "L.G."

Regarding Volumes I and II, these are listed in Oliver & Boyd's catalogue (the latest we have is dated 1940) as "*CARMINA GADELICA: Hymns and Incantations. By Alexander Carmichael. With illustrative notes on Words, Rites and Customs, Dying and Obsolete: Orally collected in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland and Translated into English on parallel pages. Two Volumes. Extra medium 8vo. Half-buckram 772 pp. £1, 12s. net.*"

As mentioned in our previous letter, the later volumes were at date of publication of the catalogue, in preparation.

We do not stock any of the volumes of the *CARMINA GADELICA* here in Toronto, and would advise you to get in touch with Oliver and Boyd direct. We could, however, if you prefer, make enquiries for you.

Regretting our inability to be of more assistance to you in this matter,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. C. W. Irwin".

Mr. Chester E. Billington,
Fleming H. Revell Company,
158 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y., U.S.A.

This is a
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of a communication previously
despatched from Toronto

KG.G

August 6th, 1942

Dear Sirs:

We thank you for your enquiry concerning the price and discount to you of Volumes III and IV of the Carmina Gadelica by Alexander Carmichael. This is a publication of Oliver and Boyd Limited, Tweeddale Court, Edinburgh, Scotland. According to the last catalogue we have had from them, these two volumes are marked as in preparation. We can, if you wish, make enquiries from Oliver and Boyd concerning them: you may, however, prefer to get into touch with Oliver and Boyd direct through your London office.

Yours very truly,

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August 15, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I wrote you this past week asking if you would be willing to send me a brief statement of two or three sentences, a "blurb" which we could use on the jacket of Mike Sweeney's autobiography - second edition. I sent you a copy of the present jacket with the comments of various critics. I should have written that on the next jacket, if you can supply a statement, I will probably drop out the one by Isaac Thomas and the one by Dan Poling. In other words, in framing your comments, consider that the points made by Dan Poling and by Isaac Thomas will not be included on the next jacket. There will, therefore, be no duplication if you should want to take somewhat the same line as Mr. Thomas or Dr. Poling.

I was in Washington yesterday and always have a grand time down there seeing various friends in the State Department and in other areas. I had an interview with Chaplain Arnold who has the rank of Brigadier General, and is the head of the Chaplain force. He is a Roman Catholic (It is interesting to see how the Catholic Church secures representation in important positions in Government and Army) but I have heard fine things about him. He is considered entirely fair to the Protestant ministers and I liked him very much. He is lean and wiry, his hair is beginning to whiten, but he has a very youthful face, very clean looking, with a true light of the spirit and also the brave look of a real fighter. He said that they had had to set a fixed limit of fifty years for Chaplains who would serve with troops or who would be sent abroad. I thought that my years in the Far East might be a basis of exception, but I did not make any progress along that line. He said he had had some applications from older men who might be given "limited responsibilities" and he said with considerable sincerity, "The Chaplain is the last officer who would ever limit his work", and that the Chaplain usually drove himself harder than any other officer. He said that he had received reports that men over fifty years who were Chaplains were being hospitalized too much, not from illness but just from fatigue, and that they had accordingly fixed the limit indicated. Apparently I am up against a stone wall at least for the time being as far as the Chaplaincy is concerned, although there might be an opening later if they see they cannot get their full quota of Chaplains with the present age limit maintained. I am going down Sunday night to Hampton Roads to see Colonel (now General) Kilpatrick in regard to the Commission he has offered to me in his own organization of Transportation. I will see just what is involved. If it were a Chaplaincy I would not hesitate, but I am not clear that it would be right to drop out of direct religious work for a secular position even to get into the Army which I long very much to do.

With love and best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer, I am

WRW/EC

Affectionately yours,

Rex Wheeler

I wanted to bring you in the First Church
but than speaking appointments each Sunday this mth. R

Wheeler, W. R.

WAR DEPARTMENT
HAMPTON ROADS PORT OF EMBARKATION
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

April 7, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Last Saturday and Sunday I was in New York on a Temporary Duty assignment with the Army. I was through with my work Sunday afternoon and dropped into a meeting of the Executive Council of our Board, which was planning for the year ahead. I was asked to give some impressions of Army life, and this I attempted to do. I am enclosing a copy of a statement I wrote out after my return here, in which I expanded somewhat the remarks made last Sunday.

I thought you might be interested in these impressions. You do not need to return this copy.

There are a number of other impressions which I would like to talk over with you some day.

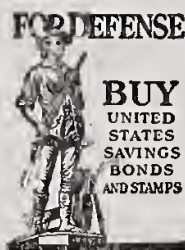
With love and best wishes to Mrs. Speer and for yourself and your family, I am,

Affectionately yours,



W. R. WHEELER,
Captain, T.C.
Historian.

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SOME IMPRESSIONS OF ARMY LIFE AGAINST THE
BACKGROUND OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY SERVICE

In a volume entitled "Naval Customs, Traditions, and Usage" by L. P. Lovette, which is required reading now for Naval officers at the Academy, there is a quotation from a letter of a retired Rear Admiral to his son, Capt. A. P. Niblock. These letters were written May 30, 1913, and were originally published in "Naval Institute Proceedings, SL 1-157":

"The naval profession is much like the ministry. You dedicate your life to a purpose, you wear the garb of an organized profession, your life is governed by rules laid down for the organization. You renounce the pursuit of wealth, in a large mean you renounce politics and work for the highest good of the organization.

"In the final analysis, your aims and objects are quite as moral as any ministers, because morality consists in the conservation of the best interests of civilization, and you are not serving your own good but the ultimate good of your own country. You train the men under you to be good and useful citizens and, like the minister, what you say must conform to the rules of the organization.

"In the Navy, after you have been in it a certain number of years, every man knows you, has you labeled, sized up and catalogued. If you have gotten into trouble, it is lovingly remembered and fixed to your name.

"So cheer up, my son, play the game, take your medicine, don't squeal, watch your step, after all it is a splendid profession and an honorable career."

I have been in the Army now for six months and will attempt to make a summary of my impressions as these impressions have been received against the background of 28 years experience as a missionary and secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Board.

The Admiral quoted above has pointed out certain resemblances between the Navy and the ministry. Those resemblances hold also with reference to the Army.

In one respect the Army and Navy service resemble very much that of the foreign missionary. Both are pilgrims and strangers. Both are subject to the orders and regulations and directions of an organization which represents an Absolute. The individual owes allegiance to that Absolute and obeys the directions and orders of the organization which for the time being is representative of that Absolute.

In obeying those orders, both the Navy and Army officer and the missionary are often sent far from home. He lives and works in foreign lands and travels on foreign seas. I have been interested and surprised at the number of Naval and merchant marine officers who have been to the Far East and have been to Africa and have sailed over the seas that our missionaries travel as they go to and from their field of service. I think every soldier and sailor, down in his innermost heart, is lonely. He has there, carefully concealed from the world, a nostalgia, a homesickness, that is well hidden but that is, nonetheless, real. I remember Miss Jean Mackenzie, of our West African mission, saying once that "Every missionary in Africa feels himself forgotten, so far has he wandered from his home tribe and land."* The songs
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* A verse from a poem by Miss Mackenzie is revealing:

"To Abraham, the exile, / ^{Lord,} what promises were thine!
He might not know the sum of them, but he could
see them shine
In all the stars and all the sands Thou settest
for a sign.

Such starry signs and promises I do not ask of Thee;
I am Thy servant, Lord, for love, and love is my
only fee;
But just a little dream of home, would that be
spoiling me?"

that the soldiers sing in their wars express their innermost feelings. In our Civil War a song that was often sung was "Tenting Tonight On the Old Camp Ground". You remember the words: "We're tenting tonight on the old camp ground
Give us a song to cheer
Our weary hearts, a song of home
And friends we all love dear."

In the first World War I remember well hearing for the first time the stirring strains of "Tipperary" as it was sung in England in the first months of the War. You remember those words:

"It's a long way to Tipperary
It's a long way to go
It's a long way to Tipperary
To the sweetest girl I know.
Goodbye, Piccadilly,
Farewell, Leicester Square!
It's a long, long way to Tipperary,
But my heart's right there."

In this war the soldiers like to sing "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition", but the song I have heard them sing with most spirit and feeling was "Deep in the Heart of Texas".

Now the central theme of all those war songs is expressive of love of home and the desire to be home again. I believe that is typical of soldiers and sailors and also of missionaries. That does not mean that they wish to give up their service. I believe that from 90 to 95% of the men in the armed forces are satisfied to be in that service. This does not mean that the service is not without its painful side. The Army and Navy are not easy services. They would not be worthy of the admiration and respect which they call forth if they were easy. They do have their moments of pain, but despite that, I believe that the men in the service would not be anywhere else and are steady in

their allegiance and loyalty to Army and Navy and Air Force, despite the painful experiences that do at times occur.

I remember one commander of a transport which had been to Africa and was about to sail for the southern Pacific. I was in his cabin, talking with him and seeking to get his photograph. He was writing a letter home to his wife and one to his mother. He had before him the picture of an attractive bungalow in California which was his home. He said, "All the time I was on that Africa trip and all the time I am going to be on this trip in the Pacific/^{I was thinking, and} I will be thinking of that home, of my wife and daughter there (a baby who was born on the day that I was torpedoed ^{when I} was swimming around in the sea near Wake Island)", and I could feel something of his loneliness and love of home. Those feelings of his did not keep him at home or keep him from doing his duty, just as the love of home and of America do not keep our missionaries at home. In both services the individuals are pilgrims and strangers, and there should be sympathy and understanding between them because of this fundamental resemblance in experience and spirit.

In the second place, the men who have been in the Army and Navy will come out of that service with new experience and training in discipline. I think our younger generation, as well as those of us who are older, needed that training. Many of our students have not learned to obey even the simplest order. I remember hearing a Yale football captain, who had entered the Naval flying service at Pensacola, telling of his experiences and how hard it was for former students to learn the simple rule of

obedience to a simple command. He illustrated his remarks with an incident. The Naval cadets had been offered a choice of athletic sports. The question given to them was, "Which would you prefer - tennis or volley ball?" A number of recruits, instead of answering with a single affirmative, inserted, "We prefer golf."

The new recruit in entering the Army is confronted with a baffling number of restrictions and regulations in regard to costume and etiquette. His tie must be tied in exactly the right way, the buttons on his shirt must always be buttoned, his shoes must be shined without fail, his trousers must be creased. He must walk on one side of a superior officer. There are regulations in regard to entrance into a motor car with another officer; there are strict rules in regard to saluting and returning salutes. He learns that the mark of a good soldier is to be able to shoot and salute. As one of the Navy chaplains, recently a minister of the Church of the Ascension on lower Fifth Avenue, said to me, "It is the minutiae that make this service difficult." In his office and in his former church service, most of that minutia and the details of the work were cared for by secretaries and he had grown to depend upon their help, and the discipline of doing these things for himself and of following certain set rules was a difficult one. I think all of us who have been in the Army for the first time feel these difficulties. They are described graphically in that amusing book, "See Here, Private Fargrove", which is full not only of humour but of true insight regarding both human character and Army life.

I believe this discipline is one that American young men need; it is a discipline that those of us who are older need. Dr. Robert E. Speer once well said that the soldierly qualities can be put sharply as "discipline and austerity". He said our generation needs both. That statement was made over 20 years ago, but it is true today and I have seen how the Army and Navy training strengthens that discipline; and men who have had that experience should be better men after the war and should be more able to be disciplined soldiers in the Army of the Lord and in His service.

A third lesson that I have learned in the Army is that of courtesy. Those who enter the Army for the first time have the feeling and the apprehension that they will be thrown with men who are rough in their speech and manners and who do not observe the principles of courtesy as we have known them in civilian life. That has not been my experience in the Army. The officers on the staff of the Port where I have been stationed are of an exceptionally high type. I have been impressed by their courtesy and by the principles of courtesy that the Army advocates and engenders. One of the rules in commenting on another officer's work is that there shall be no comment of criticism or of commendation. I think those of us who have been in the work of the Church are oftentimes too critical of one another and that the Army training is a valuable one in self-control and discipline in our comments on our colleagues and their service.

The Army salute typifies the courtesy for which the Army stands. It must be given both by the superior officer and

by his subordinates. Neither one may omit that courtesy, and it is representative of the spirit and courtesy which I have found running throughout all the Army life.

I do not mean that under certain provocation officers and men do not "blow off" and "squawk" and "gripe". These are natural ebullitions of feeling and spirit; but these "squawks" are directed not so much against individuals as against conditions, and the prevailing characteristic of the service and of relationship between officers is one of courtesy.

These characteristics - the spirit and experiences of a pilgrim and stranger in a foreign land, the habit and training of discipline, the training in courtesy - will be factors to be reckoned with in computing the attitude of men who have been in the service of the armed forces as they return to civilian life after the war. Those of us in missionary service can learn lessons of real value from these standards and characteristics.

A final characteristic of men in the armed forces is their spirit of sacrifice and devotion to duty, even at the cost of life itself. There is undoubtedly some sentimentality and exaggerated publicity in some quarters in this field, but the instinct which regards the soldier with respect and admiration is a sound one. The verses of Rubert Brooke, of John Masefield, and of Ian Magee describe in words of truth and beauty the spirit of devotion that is characteristic of the true soldier. One who had seen them in action in the other World War has written truly, "The young soldiers demand all one's admiration for their cheerfulness and energy and their contempt of death." ¶ There is true

religion in the Army, though it sometimes expresses itself in novel and original ways. One of the most stirring experiences I have had was that of talking with one of our American soldiers who had been wounded in Africa and had been brought back on a transport after the battles in northern Morocco. He was on the transport "Bliss" when it was torpedoed. The explosion of the torpedo brought the deck on which he was standing crashing down amidships. He and a number of companions were hurled into a seething vortex of flame. He covered his eyes with his arms, so he was not blinded as a companion was, but he was terribly burned. He managed to find a porthole and swam off to a nearby life raft, his hands and fingers being shredded by the flame. He was picked up and taken to a field hospital, and for several days suffered terrific torments of pain. He was put on a transport and returned to Newport News a month and a day after he had sailed from that port for North Africa.

I was with the photographer when we were securing pictures of these wounded, and I was verifying the names and units of the individual soldiers in the hospital train whose pictures we had taken. I came to this boy, whose name was Hardie Hobbins and whose home had been in California. His face and arms were still bandaged. He was in an upper bunk on the hospital train. As I questioned him he began to tell me something of his experiences. I asked him how had he managed to come through, with so much courage and strength, such terrific suffering. He said, "When the torpedo struck I began to pray and to repeat Bible verses that I had learned when I was a boy. I repeated especially the 46th Psalm: ('God is our refuge and strength, a very

present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change, and though the mountains be shaken into the heart of the seas'). I also repeated the eighth of Romans, the last verses! ("Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or peril, or sword? Even as it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.")

There seemed to be a special radiance about that wounded boy in that upper bunk in that hospital train as he spoke so quietly and simply of his experiences. He said, "I will get well, Sir, and I will be able to serve again." In a recent issue of "Time" I read that this same Hardie Robbins, who had been sent to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, was a pianist of ability and that he had received a special invitation from the White House to play there after his hands had healed.

It has been said that there are no atheists in a fox hole; and the recent articles and books telling of the experiences of flyers who have been wrecked and have been afloat for many days in the Pacific and of their recourse to the Bible and to prayer, are symbols of the inevitable turning of the human spirit to the Father of their spirits who is in Heaven, in times of strain and suffering that are too great for human strength.

I believe that sacrifice and service for Christ's sake, which are rendered by the missionary, have a special beauty and value which transcend the service that men and women render for their country. But this fact need not blind us to the impressive nobility of spirit that animates millions of our American soldiers, sailors, and flyers. Our task is and will be to translate in some way after the war that spirit of sacrifice for the country and for Army, Navy, and Air Force and Marines into service of Christ and the Church. Dr. Robert E. Speer put it well in a statement he made during the first World War, when he said, "Every soldier who is giving up his life on the battlefield is a summons and reproach to those of us who have accepted the Christ of the Cross, but not the Cross of Christ. If they can give so freely to their Lords of Death and Destruction, why should we not give even more freely to our Lord of Life and Peace?"

It was the Lord Jesus himself who said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

It may be that the year upon which we are entering will bring the heaviest casualty list that this nation has ever suffered. Death may touch almost every home. Many a home may have to lay a costly sacrifice of young life upon the altar of freedom. The conviction and resolve are gaining strength every day of this war that measures must be taken to prevent a repetition of such a world calamity and to make sure that those who lay down their lives for freedom shall not have died in vain. I believe that there will be an international organization set up as an outcome of this war which will restrain aggressors and will enforce great-

er measures of international justice and freedom. In that setting, and especially in the Far East, I believe that foreign missions will have a great, new, unfettered opportunity for service. We will go through many a dark valley before that day dawns, but we can look forward with assurance to the coming of the light. We have the same foundation for our hope that Lincoln referred to in the darkest days of the Civil War when he said his hope and expectation of victory for the right rested on "the immutable foundations of the goodness and justice of God." Let us go forward, then, in the service which is open to each one of us, confident that we are traveling on the road that will lead in God's good time to "that far-off divine event toward which the whole creation moves."

W. R. WHEELER, Capt.,
Transportation Corps,
Army, U.S.

April 4, 1943

Wheeler, Rex

WAR DEPARTMENT
HAMPTON ROADS PORT OF EMBARKATION
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

April 12, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Speer:

The Hampton Institute has been celebrating its 75th Anniversary, and among the trustees who came for the meetings were a number of friends and admirers of yours, Mr. William J. Schiefflein and Mr. Scattergood, of Philadelphia, the Chairman of the trustees. We were speaking of you yesterday morning at breakfast at the Holly Inn, on the Institute grounds, and they both send their best wishes to you. Mr. Schiefflein spoke with true feeling and with gratitude of the wonderful leadership and influence that you and Dr. Mott had on his generation when he was a student, and during later years. The talk shifted to football, and Mr. Scattergood told a story that I thought you would enjoy.

He said during a football scrimmage at Haverford, one of the linemen who was a Quaker and very loyal to its tenets and principles was opposed by a guard who began to slug. The Quaker lineman endured this for several plays then his righteous indignation broke forth. He exclaimed, "Damⁿ thee, if thou doest that again, I will hit thee!" and Mr. Scattergood said the combination of the Quaker verbiage and the mild profanity of his remarks was very amusing.

I couldn't help resist telling them your episode with the Pennsylvania lineman whom you had to slug to stop his illegal performance in the line, and I trust you will not object to this revelation of your own prowess, both on the gridiron and with your fists.

I sent you recently a draft of a talk I made at 156, giving impressions of Army life against the background of missionary service. Military Intelligence here approved the Article, but on rechecking it asked that on page 8, the words in the next to the last, and last sentences in the first paragraph be deleted, beginning "Newport News, and ending "North Africa". Substitute instead "an American Port" for the words deleted.

With love and best wishes to Mrs. Speer, and for your family, I am

Affectionately yours,

Rex Wheeler

WILLIAM R. WHEELER,
Captain, U. S. A.
Port Historian

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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

April 19, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Herewith a copy of a letter I have written to Mr. Edmund Wilson with reference to his essay on "Mr. Rolfe", which appeared in the Atlantic Monthly for March.

He combines truth and error in his essay in the same nonchalant and undisturbed way that Pearl Buck does in some of her writings.

My love and best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer.

Affectionately yours,

W. R. Wheeler

W. R. WHEELER,
Captain, T.C.
Port Historian.

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April 19, 1943

Mr. Edmund Wilson,
C/o The Atlantic Monthly,
8 Arlington Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

As a Hill School boy, a graduate of the class of 1907, I read with keen interest your article on "Mr. Rolfe", "An Atlantic Portrait" in the March number of that magazine. I had the privilege of studying Greek with Mr. Rolfe (really Dr. Rolfe, but as you know he never used that title) for three years at The Hill, and I have vivid, happy and grateful memories of my contacts with him in the classroom and at the School and in subsequent years. I thought you painted a clear, accurate and understanding word portrait of him, and I am happy that you could use your fine talents for this portraiture, which will undoubtedly go into the permanent records of the School.

I wonder if you remember that amusing essay by James Boyd and S. M. Cleant, of the class of 1906, on Mr. Rolfe's classroom, that was published in The Hill School Record, called "The Greek Class; a Farce", and was a companion essay to "The Latin Class; a Tragedy", in which the authors described Mr. Weed's method of instruction in Latin?

I never was drawn very warmly to Latin, but I did really enjoy Greek, and continued it at college and in later graduate studies. My twin brother, Alexander R. Wheeler, was in our class and also enjoyed his introduction to Greek through Mr. Rolfe. Later he read "Greats" at Oxford and wrote once an article in the "Yale Lit." of his indebtedness to the classical studies:

"Greek literature contains much of the best
part of the history of the human spirit . . .
How is it that the possessor of the classics

seems to take such health and pure comfort from them? The Harvard professor said that no man could know Greek and remain vulgar; the Oxford lecturer tells us that every deep and valuable emotion of his life for ten years past was caused or bettered or interpreted by Greek poetry. (Few teachers of English have said as much.)"

I know that my brother "Jimmy" appreciated his start in Greek with Mr. Rolfe.

I am sure you will understand if, after having expressed my appreciation of your description of Mr. Rolfe, I protest frankly and vigorously against the characterization in your essay of the religious life of the School and particularly your descriptions of Mrs. John and Dr. Robert M. Speer. I think those references can be objected to on three grounds. First, they are irrelevant and do not add to the picture you are trying to draw of Mr. Rolfe, as you state in the article, "I do not know what Mr. Rolfe thought of all this side of The Hill; I do not know even what his religious beliefs were." Secondly, I do not think the characterizations of Mrs. John and Dr. Speer are true or accurate; and third, they are a slur against individuals whom many Hill boys remember with true loyalty and admiration and respect. The statements in your essay will hurt the School and will hurt Mrs. John and Dr. Speer. The essay would be more of a unity without them, and I do hope earnestly that if later it finds a place in some permanent record of the School, you will consent to their deletion from the article. I think the essay would be improved from the standpoint of unity and accuracy and fairness if you omitted Paragraphs 4 and 5, Pages 103 to 106. I remember gratefully the talks on religion which Mr. Rolfe gave at the Sunday evening gatherings in his room in the Fifth Form Flat - talks which were characterized by his New England candor, integrity, and restraint - and I remember his fine way of leading Chapel and the beautiful way he was accustomed to read a prayer of Robert Louis Stevenson at the evening service. He wrote a fine tribute to Mr. Sweeney which I quoted in "Mike's" autobiography, which I had the privilege of editing, and there is true religion in that tribute to an honored colleague.

I suppose I should class myself in the group that

you mention in your essay as the "two-fisted missionaries who shook us down for funds to Christianize and modernize China." I have spent twenty-eight years of my life in foreign mission service, about half of that related directly to China. I am now in the Army with the hope of trying to do my bit to help liberate China, as well as our own country and the other Allied nations from the Nazi and Japanese threats that hang over us all.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Wendell. I hope you will understand my writing as frankly as I have.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM R. WPFELER
Captain, T.C.

Headquarters,
Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation,
Newport News, Virginia.

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Wheeler, W. Rex

WAR DEPARTMENT
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April 29, 1943

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

We had a very happy Easter day here and I can not but obey the impulse to send you a note about it.

We have several Quartermaster Service Battalions attached to the Port here, composed of colored troops who are given training as stevedores and handle the work of loading ships and cars. The suggestion was made that these colored boys might be interested in an Easter dawn service, and the Chief of Staff here asked me if I could plan for such a service with the Chaplains and others responsible. I was happy to do that, although, as you know, I am not in the Chaplain's Corps. One of the Service Battalions numbers about a thousand men, and the Chaplain became quite interested in the service. A chorus was trained in singing Easter hymns and some simple spirituals, and the service was held at dawn, 6:00 A.M., Easter morning, at Camp Hill. Soldiers from two other Quartermaster Battalions joined in and there were about thirteen hundred who took part in the service with a chorus of about fifty to lead. I am enclosing one of the programs.

We had our ups and downs in preparing for the service but finally it came off very happily. Camp Hill is some distance from Hampton, where I am staying, and I had to be up at 4:00 o'clock to start the day. I drove through the dark to Camp Hill, remembering vividly the other Easter days on other continents. I remembered especially the trip made on Easter across South America from Buenos Aires to Chile, when we had our little Easter service on the train, and how providentially the train stopped on the quiet Argentinian pampas just as we were beginning our little service. Dr. Wolfe (whom you knocked so skillfully and completely off the bar in the spar fight on the ship coming down from New York) was in our little group and other friends, and the service had real comfort and blessing.

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I remembered our dawn services in Nanking when we looked out from Hillcrest over the quiet city and its great walls; and I remembered vividly the Easter message you gave when we were meeting with the Chile Mission and how you pointed out that the Resurrection was the great factor of Christianity and that without it the Christian faith and gospel would have completely disappeared. So all these vivid and stirring memories were in my mind and heart as I drove through the quiet streets of Hampton and Newport News and came to the barracks at Camp Hill where the troops were already drawn up waiting for us.

The colored troops who are stevedores are not of a high grade in mental training and development. Many of them can not read or write. But they do their work faithfully; they march with extraordinary spirit, rhythm and esprit de corps; and they sing the old spirituals in a way that moves your heart. I wish you could have heard them sing that Easter morning, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" and "We're Walking in the Light of God". You remember the refrain of the first song:

"O, O, O, O, sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

No author is known of that great song, but the one who first composed it must have had a real experience of the agony and grace and power of Christ.

The weather was perfect that morning, and the sun had just come over the Virginia horizon as the service began, and I will always be glad I had the opportunity of being there and of helping in the service. I am enclosing a clipping about it.

I am also enclosing a copy of a prayer which probably you know, which was used by an Army Chaplain at an Easter service in Washington last Sunday. The prayer was written by William Gladstone after the death of his son. I thought of you and Elliott as I read the prayer.

The Virginia peninsula is jammed with military and defense workers, and we have to live wherever we can find quarters. We have had good fortune in securing a room in a home on the campus of Hampton Institute, and I have been very interested in the work of that institution and in meeting the various relatives of General Armstrong. I remember your speaking about him a number of times and of his practical service

to the colored race, and holding him up for emulation in our missionary educational program. I have met one son who is now a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, a daughter who married a member of the Hampton staff, and a granddaughter, and they all have a distinction and attractiveness of spirit and character that evidently find their origin in the Armstrong inheritance and training. We are staying in the home of Mrs. Alexander Purves, the daughter of Robert Ogden, who has turned over her house to members of the staff and to us from the Army.

A note from my aunt, who is 85 years of age, tells me that her father and mother, my grandfather and grandmother, visited Hampton when General Armstrong was still living, and they saw much of Robert Ogden and thought highly of him.

Connie joins me in love and best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer and to your family.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Wheeler

WILLIAM R. WHEELER
Captain, T.C.
Port Historian.

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PRAYER AT THE CAPITOL

Capt. John E. Carruthers, of the Army Chaplain Corps, said the following prayer at the first annual Easter service yesterday on the steps of the Capitol. It was written by Prime Minister William Gladstone of Great Britain and first delivered on the death of his son. It has rarely been heard since. Capt. Carruthers was chaplain on the U.S.S. Oklahoma when that vessel was sunk at Pearl Harbor.

O, God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, in whose embrace all creatures live, in whatsoever world or condition they be; I beseech Thee for him whose dwelling place and every need Thou knowest. Lord vouchsafe him life and rest, peace and refreshment, joy and consolation in Paradise, in the companionship of saints, in the presence of Christ, in the ample folds of Thy great life.

Grant that his life may unfold itself in Thy sight and find sweet employment in the spacious fields of eternity. If he has ever been hurt or maimed by any unhappy word or deed of mine, I pray Thee of Thy great pity to heal and restore him that he may serve Thee without hindrance.

Tell him, O, Gracious Lord, if it may be, how much I love him, and miss him and long to see him again; and if there be ways in which he may come, vouchsafe him to me as a sense of nearness in such degree as Thy laws permit.

If in aught I can minister to his peace, be pleased of Thy love to let this be, and mercifully keep me from every act which may deprive me of the sight of him as soon as our trial-time is over, or mar the fullness of our joy when the end of the days hath come.

Pardon, O, Gracious Lord and Father, whatever is amiss in this my Prayer, and let Thy will be done, for my will is blind and erring but Thine is able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think; through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Wheeler, W. Rex

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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

May 17, 1943

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Speer:

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed copies of two letters; one dated May 4th from Edward Weeks, the Editor of the Atlantic Monthly, replying to my letter to Edmund Wilson about his March article on "Mr. Rolfe", a copy of which I sent to Mr. Weeks; and also a copy of a letter from Isaac Thomas, dated May 5th, in which he states that if the Wilson article is retained at The Hill he will see that sections four and five are deleted. I wonder if you have seen Mr. Thomas' article about Mr. Rolfe, published in The Hill Alumni Bulletin?

I was at The Hill from 1904 to 1907, and at Yale from 1907 to 1911, and heard Doctor Speer speak a number of times to the student audiences, and during those seven years I never heard one student who made remarks similar to those described by Mr. Wilson in his article about Doctor Speer. I never heard anyone refer to him by the name which Mr. Wilson used, and on the contrary, I heard many, many expressions concerning him of admiration and respect.

I received a note from Mr. Wilson himself, in which it is clear that in his article he was expressing a personal animus and antipathy, and that the letters which appeared in the May number of the Atlantic Monthly from the Hill boys and others, are sufficient refutation of the view that Wilson represents any appreciable section of student opinion. I think he represents Wilson, but very few others, and his remarks can, and should be, ignored.

I was much impressed by the martial record of the Speer family as indicated in Mrs. Speer's letter. Evidently the Scotch-Irish inheritance is coming into expression in this generation. Doubtless the celestial clans who are witnesses of the present fray wish they might get into it with an ample supply of "dornicks" and other missiles and weapons.

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Sincerely yours,

W. R. Wheeler

WILLIAM R. WHEELER,
Captain, T.C.
Port Historian

Office of the
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C O P Y

8 Arlington Street
Boston

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY

4 May, 1943

Dear Captain Wheeler:--

Thank you for letting me see the copy of your letter to Edmund Wilson. I am sure he will appreciate the friendly candor in which you speak. In the Atlantic Repartee for May you will find letters from other Hill alumni who wished to make sure that justice was done to the memory of Dr. and Mrs. Meigs and Dr. Abbott. Meantime please take my word for it that the great majority of our readers have enjoyed this essay for the good things which it does contain.

yours sincerely,

Captain William R. Wheeler, /s/ Edward Weeks
Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation,
War Department,
Newport News,
Virginia.

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May 5, 1943.

Dear Rex:

Many thanks for your letter of April 19th about the article on Mr. Rolfe, and about Bunny Wilson's article in the ATLANTIC MONTHLY. I entirely agree with you in your estimate of Bunny's sketch and if we should keep his article in the permanent records of the School I shall see to it that sections four and five are deleted.

I am grateful to you for your kind words about my own effort.

I wish you could be here on Alumni Day when we shall have a memorial service expressly for Mr. Rolfe.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

/s/ Isaac Thomas

Capt. William R. Wheeler, T.C.,
Headquarters,
Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation,
Newport News, Va.

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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

May 22, 1943

Doctor Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

Herewith a paragraph from a letter dated March 20th from Russell Bowie, which can go into the Edmund Wilson file. you doubtless saw Doctor Bowie's letter, signed by two other Hill graduates, and the other letters which appeared in the May number of the Atlantic Monthly.

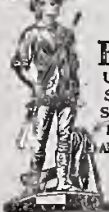
Affectionately yours,

W. Rex Wheeler

WILLIAM R. WHEELER,
Captain, T. C.
Port Historian

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"Thank you so much for your letter of May 17th and for sending me the copy of your letter to Edmund Wilson and of the letter from Edward Weeks to you. I am ever so glad you wrote as you did. The wanton slurs in Wilson's article were inexcusable."

Wheeler,

NANTUCKET ISLAND
MASSACHUSETTS

Saturday, July 17, 1943

Rex and I took our beloved Sandy to the boat at 6:10 A.M. Sandy looked inexpressibly sad over leaving this island. It was such a perfect day that it was all the harder. I think he was tired and "stale" and he said several times: "I could use a month here". But, as always, he went off bravely and so quietly, but it took more "dogged determination" this time.

He looked so quiet, self-controlled and handsome in his uniform as he stood on the top deck and waved and threw me a kiss. Rex was steady and very efficiently helped Sandy with his things.

He felt badly not to have the word about his promotion, but I told him to be patient and have faith. He finished all the titles of his album and left his diary.

Now he belongs to the war and to God, first and last and through all that may come.

Constance W. Wheeler

Wheeler, W. Rex

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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

August 6, 1943

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer:

This is just a note to ask if Billy is still stationed at Little Creek and to inquire concerning his address there. Little Creek is not far across the Bay from Old Point Comfort and a ferry runs between the two ports. I hope I can have the pleasure of having Billy come over for a meal at the Officers Mess here and that I can see him if he is still stationed in this area. Our Headquarters are in the Federal Post Office Building, Newport News. The telephone is Newport News 7-1281; my extension is 103.

Sandy left Nantucket July 17 and we have just had word that he has arrived safely on the other side. I am enclosing an extract from a letter Connie wrote after his departure.

I had the happy privilege of spending my birthday, July 10, at Nantucket. I was on temporary duty assignment in New York for four days and was given permission to go up to Nantucket, where Sandy was before he went across. We had a very happy day on my birthday on the beautiful island. Rex was there, too. Our younger son, Pete, is working on a farm in Rhode Island, but otherwise our whole family were there and we did enjoy being together.

I wish I could tell you more of what is happening here. It is certainly interesting, but I can not write about it.

With love and best wishes, I am,

Affectionately yours,

W. R. Wheeler

WILLIAM R. WHEELER
Captain, T.C.
Port Historian.

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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

11 December 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

When September 10 came around I had the impulse to send a birthday message or a birthday telegram. The routine of the Army prevented the former and the present wartime regulations made impossible the latter. I did send mentally, however, a message of love and remembrance and I want now to write to forward to you and Mrs. Speer this statement of my thought and love.

I wish very much I could have been in New York when the Gripsholm came in. I wrote to Margaret, addressing it to the steamer, and I can imagine the joy with which you welcomed her back into the family circle again. She has been a true soldier and you certainly have the right to be proud of her. Please give her my love and greetings.

We were made happy by three letters received from Sandy recently. I thought you might be interested in them and I am inclosing some extracts herewith. I was interested to see that his hunting experiences in the hills of Pennsylvania were bearing fruit on the Mess tables of the RCAF in England. Sandy was a pole vaulter at the Hill and has always been interested in acrobatics. He thought once of joining the paratroopers. His athletics have been a real help to him in aerobatics and I can see that he had some real admiration and perhaps some envy for his Belgian room mate who had performed on the "flying trapeze".

I wish you could wedge in a speaking engagement down in this section of the country and we could have the pleasure of seeing you here.

If Billy should come back into port in this area, I hope you will surely let us know.

I hope to have a week's leave some time within the next month and will look forward to being home then. Connie enjoyed a brief conversation with Mrs. Speer recently. We have kept our

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apartment in New York as a base and home for the boys.

With Christmas love to you and Mrs. Speer and to all your family, I am

Affectionately yours,

Rx Wheeler

3 Incls.

V - MAIL

Received at H. R. P. E. 19 Nov, 1943

Pilot Officer A.B. Wheeler J-35423
R.C.A.F., Attached to
R. A. F., England
Nov. 3, 1943

Capt. W. R. Wheeler
P. O. Building, Room 224,
Newport News, Virginia, U.S.A.

This is just a short note which follows the other one. I had just mailed it when 5 letters came together, 2 of yours. Here is how your test came out to see how long the V-Mail and Air Mail letters take. Your first V-Mail took 13 days as compared with 38 days for the first Air Mail. The last V-Mail took 14 days and the last Air Mail took 20 days. The V-Mail is definitely faster and appears to be more reliable, but sometimes it is hard to read.

I have just written Rex a letter at Middlebury. I received a letter from Tony Squire who by now is probably in the South Pacific in a fighter squadron. For a while he was stationed in Panama. He visited Nantucket on his last leave, the same as I did.

This station is out in the "sticks" so to speak, so quite a number of times I have borrowed a 12 gauge shotgun and hunted like in the old Endeavor days. I have shot rabbits, coots, pigeons, pheasants, and quail and we eat them at the Mess. Lots of love,

Sandy

War and Navy Departments

V - Mail

(Received H.R.F.N. 17 November 43
Newport News, Va.)

TO: Capt. A. B. Wheeler
Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation,
Newport News, Virginia.

Pilot Officer A. B. Wheeler, J-35423--R.C.A.F., attached to
R.C.F., England.

Oct. 26, 1943

I guess by now you have received my last letter telling about my visit with Mrs. Stephen in Cornwall. Since then we have been doing the usual flying and will be finished fairly soon. As you can see by this letter, I received my commission about a week ago. It was back-dated the 4th of July, (3 months backpay.) I guess the other recommendation was lost. I went to London for a couple of days to get my uniform. Perhaps you read in the papers that scattered bombs have been dropped over London lately. I was in bed during one of those raids and was awakened by the sirens. It was great sport listening to the guns and German planes flying overhead.

I received a nice letter from Caroline Speer and Aunt Daughy and will write them tonight. If anybody writes and asks you what they can send me, tell them that American cigarettes, (Camels) are the most important thing. They are almost impossible to get.

Lots of love,

Sandy

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R.C.A.F., Attached to R.A.F., England

September 18, 1943

"We are flying at last and it's great. We are not on an active squadron yet so don't worry too much, but learning a lot. We fly over Wales quite a bit. The Spitfire is a dream to fly."

I wish I could tell you more about what I'm doing. I can say that it will probably be a couple more months before any real excitement happens."

Pilot Officer A. B. Wheeler
R.C.A.F., Attached to R.A.F., England

1 November 1943

"Dear Rex,

I picked up colored post cards of all the places in Southern Cornwall and altogether have quite a collection. I painted a part of Land's End as seen from near Sennen's Cove. It isn't good but I had fun anyway.

I haven't had a chance to look up Humphrey Sumner yet but hope to on my next leave which will be at the end of this course, about 4 weeks from now. Also hope to climb "Ben Nevis", highest mountain in Scotland.

It must have been fun talking to all the nobility. I think we are both very much the same when it comes to mixing with other nationalities. Here are some who are on this course here: English, American, Canadian, Belgian, Polish, Dutch, Norwegian, Czechoslovakian, Australian, New Zealand, French, and South African. One of my best friends is a Belgian Sgt. pilot. I roomed with him before I got my commission. He was in the circus before the war and toured all over Europe and South Africa. He performed on the flying trapeze. Later he joined the Army, then the para-troops and made and made 4 jumps, one from a balloon at night from 500 feet. Now he is in the Air Force. I'll try and pick up those books. So long for now.

Love,

Sandy "

White, Alice M.

Dear Dr. Speer:

November 21, 1941

These are the addresses:

Miss Connell
care of Mrs. Jarvis T. Comana (Comana)
Sunset Cottage
Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Mrs. Bidwell
103 Douglas Place
Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Miss Connell was at the offices before she went South.

She was not feeling very well but was in her usual good spirits.

My sister and her family visited in Philadelphia the weekend of October 12. They attended the Woodland Presbyterian Church and heard the announcement that they were to have a distinguished visitor - Dr. Speer.

At the Thanksgiving service Wednesday I heard that Mrs. Arthur Brown was critically ill. Also Miss Kittredge had had an operation at the Medical Center and was getting on well.

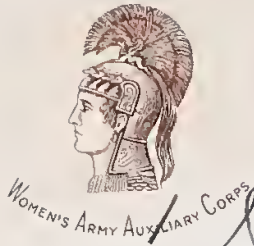
I enjoyed writing out the paper on the Scotch-Irish and approve of their choice.

Hoping that you had a fine Thanksgiving and that you and your family are well -

Sincerely yours,

Alice M. White

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Nov. 14, 1943

Dear Mr. Speer:

Thank you so much for sending the letter of recommendation.

You have traveled so much you have probably been to Ft. Oglethorpe. The nearest town is Chattanooga. It was a cavalry post before the W A C took it over.

I enjoy the strenuous life here, especially the outdoor

close order drill
& physical training.
Today I am barracks
guard, have charge
of barracks for 24
hours.

We were reviewed
by Ambassador Grew
on the parade grounds
Monday.

I hope that
everything is going
well with you &
your family.

Thanks again
for the letter.

Sincerely yours,
Alice G. White

I told him you were far, far, away and would answer at your convenience. YU

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January 1, 1935

Dear Friend Speer,

I am thinking seriously of testing out two or more City-wide Conferences, in two groups, one for Pastors, and the other for Lay Folk, including Men, Women and Young People. My thought is to have them run from Monday through Friday, with Sessions from 10.00 to 11.00 and from 7.30 to 9.30 each day. The THEME would be; **HOW CAN THE CHURCH BE ENABLED TO MEET THE WORLD CRISIS OF THIS DECADE?**

My thought would be to have the two parallel Conferences, in two of the largest Churches of the city, as near to each other as possible, and to use all the speakers at both Conferences, with such adaptation of their messages as might seem desirable. After three days of Platform Presentation of the answer to the Theme-question, I would break each separate audience up into as many smaller Groups as the Church would accomodate, to let as many as possible have a chance to express their own convictions on the essential answers. Out of all these reports, I would get a brief consolidated Report of Findings for submission to the total united Groups.

I would expect to get the expenses underwritten to cover any deficit that might remain after taking offerings at the Evening Sessions.

I have written to St Louis to find out whether they would welcome one of these Conferences in March, any week beginning on Monday. Before waiting for their answer, I am eager to know if you are free to spend at least a day or two, preferably at the beginning of the week, at some of these Conferences? I would not expect you to do this as a free gift of your time and strength, but believe you should have reasonable compensation, even if it is not all that the service would justly be worth. The Ground that I would like to see covered in these meetings would include the points in the attached page, which I wrote a year ago. OBEDIENCE TO GOD would be the central emphasis. I believe the history of the Church can begin to be changed by this process. Out of it may well come the COLLEGE FOR PASTORS that I believe is essential, but perhaps it would come a bit later. The Bank President is deeply interested, and I believe may go a long way toward FOUNDING such a College.

Would you be good enough to mention the three or four men that you believe could speak to this general theme with greatest power? I most deeply appreciate your interest in what has become to me a real burden. My hope grows that it will be done. Let us keep the question in our prayers till it is decided.

Very affectionately yours,

Cam White

Wicher, Edward A.

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SAN ANSELMO, CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF
NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION
REV. EDWARD ARTHUR WICHER, D. D.

July 30/43

Dear Dr. Speer:

I thank you most cordially for your kind note, welcoming me to the society of the emeriti. It is indeed an honorable company.

I am not sure that I am quite entitled to take a seat in it as yet, because the Board of the Seminary has asked me to continue as a supply in my old chair during the present emergency. As I am probably as useful here as I could be in any other capacity, I am staying on. But I would have been happy to have leisure in which to pursue for the press some MSS which have lain unfinished.

There is no man whose words mean more to me than do yours. And your visit beneath our roof was a benediction.

I am passing on your greeting to Arthur. He is now an army chaplain, as is also my elder son Herbert, who is somewhere on the other side of the Atlantic. Mrs. Wicher joins me in sending our kindest regards. As ever,

Very sincerely yours,

Edward A. Wicher

Written from Bolinas.

HARRY J. WIELER, M. D.
THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

May 20, 1941

Doctor Robert E. Speer,
"Rock Ledge,"
Lakeville, Conn.,

Dear Doctor Speer:

It has been a great pleasure to be of some service to your daughter, your granddaughter, and yourself. I would not think of making a charge for any of these services and I hope you will feel free to call on us for whatever assistance we can lend in the future.

Cordially yours,

Harry Wieler

Wig, R. J.

J.P.

Pasadena Presbyterian Church
Pasadena, California

MINISTERS:
ROBERT FREEMAN, D.D., LITT.D.
JAMES LEISHMAN, D.D.

January 19
1940

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer,

We are turning to you as one who might be helpful in the present need of the Pasadena Presbyterian Church.

After twenty-nine years of distinguished service Dr. Robert Freeman, our Pastor, because of ill health, has found it necessary to give up his work. During Dr. Freeman's pastorate our church has grown in service and responsibility to the community and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. It is our desire to continue this constructive program, and to that end we wish to exercise every care and use every resource to secure the man best qualified to carry on this work.

We are writing to ask you to give us the benefit of your observation of the ministers with whom you have had contact, who might be suitable for this position.

We have prepared no list of requirements for the man we are seeking, other than a few general qualifications, which we believe to be of fundamental importance for the needs of our church.

The committee feels that Dr. Freeman's successor should be an outstanding preacher of spiritual power. His theological views should be relatively liberal. He should be alert to issues of the day though not an extremist in either direction. He should have an attractive personality with the physical strength and with the energy and experience necessary to enable him to serve effectively as the active head of a church of 3700 members and a Sunday school of 2100.

Our plant consists of a main auditorium seating 1600; a separate chapel building with offices, dining hall, classrooms, and an auditorium seating 400; a four story kirk house with recreation, assembly and classrooms for Sunday school and clubs. The church also owns a dormitory at the beach and a mountain cabin for year round use of church organizations. We have our own

radio broadcasting equipment with time on the air Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday evening. At present we hold regular services Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, and union services with other churches Sunday evenings.

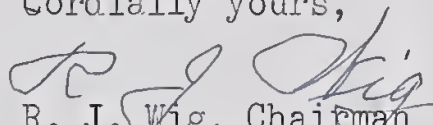
Our church has no debt. The financial budget for 1939 was approximately \$98,000, of which about thirty-five per cent was used for benevolences. We have a paid staff of eighteen persons, including two Assistant Ministers in addition to the Pastor. One of the Assistant Ministers, Dr. W. Bradford Bayliss, is a young man of thirty-three and came as Director of Religious Education and Minister of Youth in August 1939. The other Assistant Minister, Dr. James Leishman, is greatly beloved by the membership of the church and has carried much of the burden during Dr. Freeman's enforced periods of absence of the past few years, primarily looking after the pastoral work. He was brought to the church by Dr. Freeman about nineteen years ago and is now past retirement age. The position of Organist and Choir Director was vacated just prior to Dr. Freeman's recent illness and is now temporarily filled awaiting the selection of a new minister.

The City of Pasadena is located about twelve miles from Los Angeles. It is a residential community with very few factories, and a population of about 90,000 people. Many guests from other parts of the country spend their winters here. It is an educational center, with California Institute of Technology, Whittier College, Occidental College, Pomona College, Scripps College, University of California at Los Angeles, University of Southern California, and Pasadena Junior College of 7,000 students, all within a radius of thirty miles. The cultural life of this city, musical, artistic, and dramatic, is well developed, and many institutions related to it are located nearby, such as the Huntington Library and the Mount Wilson Observatory. It is well churched and has several churches with a membership of a thousand or more.

We should be grateful to you for your frank suggestions of men whom you believe might creditably fill the vacancy in our church.

With appreciation for your help,

Cordially yours,


R. J. Wig, Chairman
Committee on Pastor

Wig, R. J.

Pasadena Presbyterian Church
Pasadena, California

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February 3
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer,

Your letter of January 26 in which you mention for our consideration the names of the Rev. W. Sherman Skinner and the Rev. Albert G. Butzer, has been received.

In the enclosed questionnaire we have endeavored to list the information we are desirous of obtaining concerning the men who are suggested to us, and would be indeed grateful to you if you could take the time and trouble to answer what you can of the questions. We realize it is asking a good deal, but in the task that is facing this committee we feel it is essential at the outset to find out as many facts as possible in order to arrive at some basic conclusions before proceeding further. Any information you may feel like passing on to us will, of course, be held in confidence.

We shall appreciate any help you can offer.

Yours most sincerely,

R. J. Wig
R. J. Wig, Chairman
Committee on Pastor

1. Preaching ability.
2. Are his theological views relatively liberal?
3. Executive ability. How large a staff has he dealt with?
4. How successful is he in pastoral work and personal relationship with his parishioners?
5. How has he worked with young people?
6. What constructive, creative, and progressive work has he done in his church?
7. His community activities.
8. What are his social, political, and economic ideas? Has he written any articles, or books which would be obtainable?
9. Is he alert to the issues of the day?
10. How long has he been in present and preceding positions?
11. The history of the churches he has served.
12. The program of his present church.
13. The size of the congregation and the Sunday school.
14. Age.
15. Health and physical strength.
16. His family life and background. What part has his wife had in his success and is she active in the church?
17. Education and training.
18. Honorary degrees and from where?
19. Present salary, if possible.
20. Send calendars of present church and any additional published literature about the church.
21. What is his outstanding ability?
22. What are his limitations?

August 30 - 1943.

My dear Robert and Mrs Speer.

We are rejoicing with
you in the grand
good news. That your

daughter Margaret
is one of those on the
Lipholme. We are glad

for all who are and coming
dear ones. Int Nancy Cochran
Horton Daniels. and your

Margaret comes closest to us.
and we do thank God
for such a welcome
ahead. Just a year ago.

Bill Cochran arrived after
the long silence and
separation. The wonderful
delight of that reunion has
lasted all the year. They
live with me and take
good care of me, and
I can assure you no
grass is growing under

our feet with four very lively
children. Bill is associate
doctor at the Mass General
with Dr. Smette-Paterson
head of the orthopedic
dept. a very fine place for
Dr. Bill;

on July 1st our Richard was
operated on for stomach ulcer
in the Baker Memorial
hospital Boston. The ulcer
had perforated and only
the very greatest skill

by the Surgeon. Dr Arthur
T. Allen. Saved him. For
it was a very desperate
operation. For three weeks
it was the Valley of the
Shadow. For him! But he
was a good patient. He has
some of his father's courage.
and he is now back in his
own little home in
Springfield Mass. 194 Dayton
Street. Recovering. And
happy and able to eat what
he had not touched for ten
years. He is blessed with such
a devoted and lovely wife Jamie.

who acted as nurse for
him during his four weeks
in the hospital. His
Special nurse had to go at
three o'clock each afternoon
and Janice was always
there to take her place,
after a check up by the doctors
on Sept tenth. Dick hopes
to go back to work. I see
Foods they kept his place
during the long illness.
Faith and Arlene are
back in their own

home, 40, Richards Road
Port Washington. Long Island
After a year and a half in
Washington. Arthur
resigned his place on the
B. E. W. just before it
was struck by lightning
by Pres. Roosevelt, after
the quarrel by Wallace &
Jones. Arthur's report on
the resources of Japan
had been finished and

was then made see the
Cabinet by Wallace.
Arthur accepted a position
with the "Institute of Pacific
Relations" and we are
all very happy about it.
and as Banker says -
over the Radio
"This is all at this time"

Sincerely your friend
Lester C. Williams.

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[#]See last page.

over 200,000 blind persons in the United States. While it is reasonable to conjecture that some 10,000 read our publications, it is obvious that we have a large field for the extension of helpfulness. Such books as we have been financially able to publish have met with much favor and editions sold at less than cost are quickly exhausted.

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The death of Dr. Lewis B. Chamberlain was a great loss to us. It was through his efforts that committees of the International Council of Religious Education and the Home Missions Council of North America formed the John Milton Society to meet a need the churches could not well supply separately. It was through his wisdom, devotion and years of constant labors that the work was firmly established. Upon Dr. Chamberlain's death Mr. Oliver R. Williamson, with a long experience as an editor and in church work and promotion, was asked to take direction until permanent plans could be formulated. Under his subsequent management we feel sure that the Society has lost no ground.

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September 17, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

When I was called on to carry forward this work laid down by our lamented Dr. Lewis B. Chamberlain, I was much encouraged by the discovery that you were one of the Society's sponsors. I sincerely trust that we shall continue to deserve your approbation.

The many powerful drives for money which now press on everybody make more difficult our effort to provide funds for our existing service to the blind and for reaching more of the thousands who would welcome it. As you know, we are without endowment. Our service must be measured by current support. We greatly need more funds, and we are particularly concerned to retain those contributors who have been our mainstay in the past.

It is to give the greatest possible emphasis to this immediate need that the letter of which copy is inclosed has been prepared to be sent out over the names of all our sponsors. We trust you will have no objection to our using your signature. You will be giving us a helping hand at the right time, for which we shall be very grateful.

Your acquiescence will be indicated by your signature on the inclosed sheet to be inserted in return envelope.

With much appreciation of the value of your sponsorship to the Society in the past,

Sincerely yours,

Oliver R. Williamson,
Acting General Secretary.

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While you are patriotically responding to the many calls for war relief funds, bonds, etc., made necessary by the world-wide conflict, may we urge you not to forget our blind people?

They, too, feel the stress of the time, and are no more able than before to find their way happily through life without sympathetic aid. They are cheerful and cooperative, and do not ask anything unreasonable.

This is a clearly defined group. Some 200,000 Americans of all ages are permanently without sight and worthy of our help.

Reading is their solace and delight. But books in Braille are costly, and few of these books are of a religious character. About 1900 the Catholic Church saw that something must be done toward providing their sightless with religious instruction and spiritual guidance. But it was not until 1926 that organized Protestantism in the United States saw that just as religious literature, both inspirational and educational, including the Sunday school lessons, is made available for those who see, similar provision should be made for the blind. Hence in 1928 the 50 or more religious denominations constituting the International Council of Religious Education and the Home Missions Council, through a joint committee, brought into existence an organization to function for all denominations, the conviction being that this would make for economy and efficiency.

This agency, the John Milton Society for the Blind, sponsored by many of us during all its existence, has done and is doing an unselfish, prudently managed and in every way commendable work for the blind with its two Braille magazines, for adults and for children, furnished without charge, and other publications made available at bare cost or less. The magazines contain, besides general matter, helps for the Uniform Sunday school lessons.

The Society has no endowment and depends on current contributions. Its service can be broadened or must be diminished with the rise or fall in the amount of these gifts. There is at this time a notable increase in the number of requests from the blind for the magazines.

We, as the Society's sponsors, hope you will find it possible to give it your assistance at this critical time, so that no blind person shall be deprived of the help he has been receiving, and that others now appealing may be gratified.

Will you not give evidence by your check that you will stand by these people who have the sympathy of us all?

Wilson, Mrs.

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My Dear Dr Spurr;

Easter and Christmas
time are the seasons that try my soul.

Even many ministers claimed a year
ago that the church had failed.

I am Unitarian in thought and cling
to the idea of God as a spirit of love.

Since I am of that opinion, and enjoy
being reasonable, it releases me
from blaming a saviour who never

saved any one or any thing.

And the spirit of love is all good
and never murdered Jesus or
any one else.

Fancy an earthly father worth any
thing at all who could give his
son for the sins of any one.

It is all a fabulous myth, and

harks back to Blood Cultism as
you would know, if you knew
the history of Jesus time -

He made no impression on his time
but thru Pauls fanaticism the few
words Jesus may have said, (and
probably didnt) were carried on and
on into a Blood cult religion -

"Are You Drashed in the Blood of the Lamb?"

No - not me - I can be decent
living in sanity and goodness
as near as possible, and not
seeking - Golden streets - jeweled crown
Golden harps, etc in a heaven that
only ignorance and superstition
keeps alive. Did you know

What is going on all over the world?

Where is your Saviour?

He cares nothing for innocent babes.

He cares nothing for elderly people,

for the blind the maimed -

Maybe some day you will try to
get a copy of the Bible Jefferson
wrote for him self.

It will be filled with sanity.

Yours for truth

Mrs Wilson

We have a college President who said
"If you dont like any of the creeds
write your own." Why not?

Men made the Bible.

WALTER MCCARROLL, D. D., TRANSPORTATION AGENT
110 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK CITY

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The Board of Foreign Missions
OF THE SYNOD OF THE
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America
Philadelphia, Pa. July 20, 1943

FINDLEY M. WILSON, D. D., CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
2410 NORTH MARSHALL STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Following my telephone conversation with you in Philadelphia, Sabbath, June 27th, I made a note of your address in Connecticut, but it has been mislaid; so I am addressing this note to you in care of 156 Fifth Ave.

On the basis of our conversation, I wrote a letter to Dr. Emory Ross of the Foreign Missions Conference, conveying to him your suggestion, as well as the one I had received from Dr. Mills J. Taylor. In my letter to Dr. Ross I said, first, that perhaps a statement could go on the cover of the next and subsequent issues of "Christian World Facts" to this effect:

"The views expressed by any writer are not necessarily those of anyone but himself. The booklet is not intended as an expression of the sentiments and policies of the Foreign Missions Conference, but to furnish information."

I then told Dr. Ross of the telephone conversation I had with you; then said: "Dr. Speer suggests it might be well to follow the above with a reference to a statement of the Jerusalem Conference of the International Missionary Council, 1928. This would serve to indicate the foundation principles on which the Boards stand who are members of the I.M.C. and the Foreign Missions Conference. Dr. Speer told me that practically all the Boards have adopted that statement on 'The Christian Message.'"

"If I caught Dr. Speer's thought correctly, it perhaps could be given in some such form as the following: 'The essential principles of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ underlying the missionary enterprise, are to be found in the report of the Jerusalem Conference of the International Missionary Council, 1928, volume 1, pages 399-414.'"

Would you be so kind, Dr. Speer, as to give me your view on these two statements, and if you can offer any suggestions for their improvement of the first, I would appreciate it. And if the second does not adequately and properly represent your view and suggestion, I would be very glad to have you put it in a form that expresses your sentiments.

With deep personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Findley M. Wilson

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Vacation Address

507 Third Street
Ocean City, N.J.
August 13, 1943

My dear Dr. Speer:—

Please pardon me in that I am so tardy in acknowledging your generous and painstaking response to my letter relative to FMC & "Christian World Facts". I really had no right to make such a large demand on your time, and all the more I appreciate your kindness.

Before going on his vacation Dr. Emary Ross wrote a cordial letter and promised another on his return to his office. I think there will be some statement on cover of next issue of Christian World Facts, and perhaps adequate.

As for Shinto Shrine worship I have not read Holtman's book. I shall try to get to it after vacation; and also the article in International Review of Missions by W.A. McSwaine. With warm personal regards, and as always prayer for God's rich blessing on you, I am
Cordially, Findley M. Wilson

Wilson, J. Christy

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF FIELD WORK

July 22, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Today we concluded a very successful session of the Princeton Institute of Theology, and I wish to write at once to express our deep appreciation of the distinctive contribution which you made to the Institute.

Altogether there were something like one hundred eighty in attendance and we know that the influence of the courses and addresses will extend through more than a hundred parishes in widely separated parts of the country. We thank you sincerely and hope that we may enjoy your fellowship again in the future.

Very cordially yours,

Christy

J. Christy Wilson, Secretary,
The Princeton Institute of
Theology

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Wilson, Mira B.

NORTHFIELD SEMINARY
EAST NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

October 29, 1942

Dear Mrs. Speer,

I know how large the problems of transportation loom this fall, and can scarcely hope that you can plan to be with us at school next Sunday. But I did want you to know that "Al" Stearns, as all of us who grew up in Andover called him, is going to speak at our eleven o'clock service about some recollections of Elliott in his school days at Andover.

It is my guess that Dr. Stearns knew Elliott less well than some of the men whom we have been fortunate enough to have, but that his contacts with him in preparatory school days will be particularly worthwhile for our special kind of audience. We will try to secure a copy of the speech for you.

I hope that you and Dr. Speer have both kept well this fall.

Affectionate greetings from

Mira B. Wilson

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

THOMAS WILSON
SEVENTEEN OAKWOOD PLACE
ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

12/11/43

Dear Dr Speer

This little note is written to express to you my deep appreciation of your inspiring messages this week. From the sincerity and richness of your heart and life you have given all who heard you a great uplift for the future. How I wish that thousands could have availed themselves of this rare opportunity. The enclosed little poem mentioned some days ago is apropos; especially the last line.

You and Prof Peterson would have much in common. He is an unusual man; one of the strongest and most faithful followers of Our Lord I have ever known. He is one of the best informed men I have ever met; and one of the most modest.

His little book, Embers of Old Russia, I am leaving with you tonight thinking that you find pleasure in glancing through some of his dear little pictures of life. I wish there were others so that you could have one, but it is out of

print. To know the true content of the book, one should know the author. He knows the Early Church history perhaps better than any other having been in Greece, Holy Land etc as student and scholar. He is also the nominal head of the whole Lutheran Church-which I am led to believe has a large following in Russia- and through his faithful and unselfish service during the last war in Germany was honored even by the Germans and later by the Pope at Rome. He is now devoting his his energies-he is in his seventies I imagine- to the development of young artists in N.Y. etc.

A man whose character grows and grows the more one knows him.

It has been my good fortune to travel extensively-nothing in comparison to yourself-through Europe, Near East, No. and S. America so I followed your messages with keen interest and profit.

I was born, almost in the shadow of the Cheviot Hills, so you can appreciate how I let my mind visit with you again there and at Chester etc.

Looking forward to tomorrow's message

Yours faithfully

Thomas J. J. J.

JAMES WATERMAN WISE
17 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK

July 2, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am compiling a book of letters written by men in the armed service of the United States to their families and friends at home. It will tell the day to day story of the war as it appears to those who are fighting it. It will record experiences from a rookie's first day in Camp to the last epic words from Bataan and North Africa. It will present reactions to the routine, the gay, the tragic, the heroic aspects of the war as our soldiers and sailors and flyers are feeling them.

To get as broad and comprehensive a selection as possible for this book, which will be called "Very Truly Ours", I am asking any one who has an interesting or unusual or exciting letter from a man in service to send me a copy for possible inclusion. Those parents, wives, children, sweethearts and friends whose letters are used will receive a copy of the book on publication, and half the royalties on all copies will go to the USO which serves the real "authors" of the book.

I feel certain that your own activities and contacts are such that you have received letters either from friends or relatives which would greatly enrich "Very Truly Ours". I should be deeply grateful if you would send me one or two such letters.

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Waterman Wise". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

P.S. The identity of the writers of the letters used in "Very Truly Ours" will not be made public although I shall, of course, make grateful acknowledgment to you for any material which may be included.

Wise, Stephen S.

MURRAY HILL 2-1160

Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

41 EAST 42nd STREET
ROOM 1121
NEW YORK CITY

March 26, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Federated Council of Churches
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

On February 24th the 50-foot yacht S. S. Struma sank in Turkish waters drowning 768 Jewish refugees, among them many women and children, who had been driven from Europe by Nazi persecution. They were denied admittance to all other countries and in desperation chartered an unseaworthy ship to carry them to Palestine. Contrary to the Balfour Declaration and to all dictates of humanity, their appeals were rejected by the British officials. Denied admission anywhere, they found rest only when their boat sank to the bottom of the sea.

We strongly feel that whatever political considerations were involved, the claims of mercy and justice should have been paramount. In the words of the New York Times editorial of Friday March 13th, "no matter what policies fell by the wayside, not one of these lives should have been endangered".

I am enclosing a memorandum setting forth the essential facts of this tragedy and earlier similar disasters.

The tragic fate of these harassed and desperate people should move all men of good-will to seek to prevent such unnecessary and avertible loss of life and to make certain that similar injustices will not occur in the future.

The enclosed cablegram is to be sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury over the names of the leading Christian Clergymen of this country. I should deeply appreciate a telegraphic reply (collect) from you as to whether you will sign this cablegram.

Very sincerely yours,



Stephen S. Wise
Chairman

P. S. Among those who have already given their signatures to the cablegram are:

Dr. Henry Atkinson
Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick
Dr. John Haynes Holmes
Prof. Ralph Harlow
Dr. M. Ashby Jones

Dr. Daniel A. Poling
Bishop A. W. Moulton
Bishop Charles Selecman
Monsignor John A. Ryan

May 29th, 1940.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

I appreciate your giving our time to the reading of my book and I also appreciate your natural reactions thereto for they are typical of a person who has not studied carefully psychic law. In no controversial or argumentative spirit I want to reply to some of the points you make. Like all the rest of us you want "evidence that will convince you of the authenticity of communications from the spirit world." Such evidence will only come to those who venture forth in their investigations ~~communications~~ "in faith", believing that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. (page 10 line 18 ff) Note also Violet Tweedale's statement paragraph one same page. I have received abundant evidence of speaking with discarnate spirits.

Regarding the messages from Phillips Brooks of which you speak I appreciate the force of your remarks but I would refer you again to my book page 13, 1st Paragraph. The fact that the message did not seem characteristic of his personality as ^{the} you knew him in/flesh may be accounted for on the basis suggested in my statement. You say that you do not believe Hosea would speak ungrammatical English or inanities. I went over my book a good many times before publication and I do not recall any ungrammatical English or inanities, but the last may be a matter of opinion. Per-

haps a more natural objection might be "how does Hosea speak English at all?!" But that is easily explainable when one knows psychic law, too long to go into here.

I have just finished reading what you may already have seen: the publication of some of G.A. Johnston Ross' letters after his decease. In one of them he definitely states that F.B. Meyer leaned to the opinion toward the end of his life that the 2nd Coming of Christ might be a gradual apprehension of Him by His Church as its members became qualified to see and recognize Him. Suppose by some miraculous enlightenment His Church members were made clairvoyant how easy it would be for them to see Him whether they were on our side of the Earth or the other. So many of the recent communications have spoken of a coming "Call", warning us to be ready for it. Perhaps it is nearer than we think! I wonder whether you know of the Quest of the White Knights in England. I will send you a copy of their booklet when I receive an order from England. How much truth there is in all this psychic material I cannot say beyond my own experiences which are certainly authentic for me. I would direct you again to the concluding paragraphs of my book, page 27.

The letter on the back is one I sent as a followup to the original covering letter I sent with my book to all the Theol. Sems. in the country. I heard from only one, a R.C. priest in St. Bonaventure Monastery, N.Y., a very generous and charitable judgment, arguing with some of my statements, which after all can be but hypothetical in the speculative field. Assuring you of my continued and everlasting affection which I have always entertained for you from our Northfield days of long ago, ~~with~~ believe me,

Faithfully yours,
Ed. Wood

646 Erie St.
Camden, N.J.
May 25, 1940

In the humble home of a plumber's family, devoted to the Saviour Jesus Christ, I sat last week, with them, in a room absolutely dark (a possible protective measure during Christian persecutions). The son went into trance and so made possible the psychic manifestations of "direct voice" and "independent writing". The following message was written by spirit agency with a capped fountain pen on ruled paper in backhandwriting exactly following the lines on the paper. No human person could do that in the dark. We heard the writing and then the two sheets torn from the tablet and were told they would be dematerialized by the same power that Jesus Christ used when He dematerialized His body at the time of His resurrection, the sheets would then be removed from the locked room and placed downstairs, where I, after the meeting found them as I was the first to go down and I know they were not there when I, the last to come upstairs, went up to the upper room. There was no one else in the house. The pen lay on the floor without its cap when the light was turned on at the end of the meeting. This is the message:

"Mr. Wood. My words are brief, yet they are charged with a power that is not my power. The words of the Master ring thro those conditions again and again where the earth children gather to learn of Him; and again and again the old warning goes on: seek first the things that are of God! Oh be certain that those things of the earth which are for you will come to you by divine grace. Seek first the Kingdom of God and all else shall be added unto you. And what is the greatest gift of all? The greatest gift of all is to have the spiritual sight which shall enable you to look beyond the troubles of to-day and to see the sunshine of to-morrow, to be able to ignore the pains of the body because of the deep balm that is on the spirit within, to enable you to rise above the fears that attack you during material life, to know that with the Christ all is well; with Christ, and thro that demonstration of the Holy Spirit there shall be drawn to you, not the desires of the heart, not the desires of the mind, but the desires of the spirit that is within you. I bless you all as I take my leave. My love goes to each and all, whether they desire that love or not, and the Master's love so great, almighty, the Master's love is theirs, it has been over time unthinkable and will be forevermore. Peace be amongst you all; but hearken for the call which shall come to you.

I will help thee catch, first the glory of His face by urging thee to look on Him Whose face is Light of all Existence." Written by Timevaluva, Hindu poet of the Third Century. In my judgment such phenomena should be developing within the Christian Church not in a denomination in competition with it.

I hope you have been able to read my book "The 'HOW' of Divine Revelation" sent to you late in March for your institution's Library with the request that you give it a thoughtful and considerate reading, that I might have your frank and honest reaction to its message? I am still hoping!

Faithfully yours,

EDWARD C. WOOD, President



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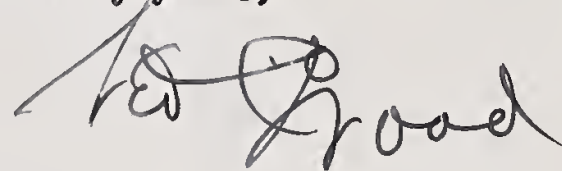
June 27th, 1940.

Dear Mr. Speer:

I think I promised you in a former letter to send you a copy of the enclosed when it was rec'd from England. Here it is. If you have no further use for it after reading I'll be glad to have it returned. When you begin studying the psychic field you would be surprised to find how much of this kind of teaching is being disseminated and promulgated, as tho Hosea was right is teaching that we face the dawn of a New Day. The old moulds, forms and formulae of theological concepts are in the discard to make way for the new. This is not only true of theological matters but of many other things too!

Cordially yours,

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Ct.



Woodard, Adelaide



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DR. ADELAIDE WOODARD, 416 SUMMIT N., SEATTLE

December 20, 1943

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer,--

I have just been going through old letters preparatory to moving, and it has brought so many pleasant memories I am prompted to write you.

Back in June, 1914, I was called hurriedly to the New York Conference, expecting to be sent to China, but when I reached the Board was told to go to India, and also was told that you, dear Dr. Speer, were to be the Secretary. I took the will of the mission to be the will of God and have always been thankful that it was so ordered. During my stay in New York I was invited, with many others, for an afternoon at your lovely home in Inglewood where I met Mrs. Speer and enjoyed the children.

There was some delay on the trip to India but shortly after the new year I arrived in Fatehgarh. Very soon after my arrival came a letter in a blue envelope from the Board Rooms. This was a letter from Dr. Speer and it was a joy and comfort. These blue letters continued to come and continued to make my work and life in India more pleasant. All the years I was in India the feeling that the Board was back of me and that Dr. Speer as the Secretary kept my head above water through many difficult situations.

In 1928 I was home on furlough. For the return trip to India friends made it possible for me to sail from New York on the Adriatic which was carrying many delegates to the Jerusalem Conference. Among them were Dr. and Mrs. Speer. It was a great pleasure to be so closely associated with them on the trip and to visit all those wonderful Mediterranean ports and later the Holy Land. In Greece, where I slipped and sprained my ankle, it was worth all the pain I suffered to have Mrs. Speer come to my cabin to visit me daily, bringing me books and discussing the many topics of interest. I shall never forget my last trip back to India.

I came home in 1835, expecting to return to India, but my health did not permit it. However, I have kept fairly busy doing mission work here and have enjoyed living in a cozy apartment. For the past few years it has come to me that it is not good for me to be alone so, when the opportunity came to take up my residence in the Kenney Presbyterian Home here in Seattle I grasped it eagerly and am moving the first of the year. The Home is a very beautiful place; red brick Colonial, facing the Sound and the mountains and giving me a beautiful view from my room. There are delightful grounds and we can each have a Victory garden if we wish. I was there for an ante-Christmas dinner on the 18th. Seventy-five members sat down to dinner, their ages ranging from sixty-five to ninety-five. Do you not think I shall fit comfortably into that picture? I hope to be both busy and happy there.. They say I deserve all this for the services I have rendered but I feel that anything I have ever done has been repaid and that whenever I have cast my bread upon the waters it has come back to me as fruit cake. This will be my home to the end and I am most grateful to God for all his goodness to me.

It was such a joy to see Dr. Speer here in Seattle and I think I shall never forget his Sunday morning sermon, "Consider Jesus". It will be and remain one of my most precious memories.

May you both have a very Happy Christmas and a glad New Year.

Most sincerely yours,

Adelaide Woodard.

Address: Kenney Home, 7100 47th S.W., Seattle, (6) W.A.S.

Woods, Josephine U.

HWAI-AN
KIANG-SU
CHINA

Aug. 21st, 1940.

Dear Dr. Speer.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure in behalf of the Station to thank you for your thoughtfulness and courtesy in sending us a copy of your book - "Bowen of Bombay." It is exceedingly kind of you and a most timely gift.

We are "taking turns" reading it. Several of our number have been on furlough, but are returning shortly.

Perhaps they are hearing and seeing you at Montreal - as I remember so well, don't you.

I have felt keenly during these
past days and moments of uncertainty
that we all need a course of
reading on the life and work
of the brave pioneers - those "whole-
souled missionaries" - that we may
recover their early ideals - and risks
and endure hardships as good
soldiers of Jesus Christ. These days
are days of sifting - not only for
the native churches - but for the
missionary body, but our resources
are adequate - and there is real joy
in being so - with "our people".

With grateful thanks and apprecia-
tion -

Yours truly
Josephine

Works, George A.

W/k

The University of Chicago

The Department of Education

March 24, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speers
Lakeville
Connecticut


My dear Dr. Speers:

A few days ago at Atlanta, Georgia I met with a committee representing the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Its purpose is to make a study of the seminaries and colleges related to its organization. The committee has asked me to act as director of the study, and my purpose in writing you is to find out whether or not it would be possible to interest you in this study.

The committee and I are in agreement in the view that a conspicuous part of this study should relate to the contribution that the church-related college can make to Christian living on the part of its students. We should like to secure you to assume responsibility for this phase of the study. It would require between two and three months of your time during next autumn. The committee would of course pay your expenses and an honorarium that is satisfactory to you.

The funds for the study are not all in hand at the moment, but the members have the degree of confidence in their being available that seems to justify preliminary steps being taken for the study. I hope you will be able to join us in what promises to be a distinctive venture. Dr. Sweets, the secretary of the committee, will write you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,


George A. Works

W/k

Wright, A. Paul

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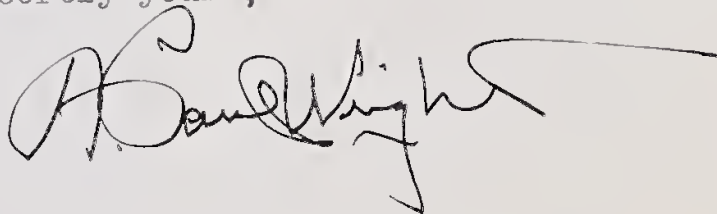
Dr. Robert E. Speer
Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Just a note to assure you of the sincere gratitude of the men of Cayuga, Syracuse and Geneva Presbyteries who participated in the Seminar with you yesterday. I know from the enthusiastic comments which were made to me that your leadership in our thinking was of great worth. It was helpful to all of us to have the high standards of the Christian ministry held before us again in the challenging way in which you did it. We do appreciate too that you added our Seminar to a strenuous schedule, and that your presence with us meant some sacrifice on your part.

Very sincerely yours,

APW AHM



Wysham, Wm. N.

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OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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EASTERN AREA
ROOM 321-325
WILLIAM N. WYSHAM
MISS MARGARET SHANNON

September 8, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

It is a joy to me to have the opportunity to write you on one of my first days at my new post in the eastern area. Naturally my return to 156, exactly twenty years after beginning my term of service as Acting Candidate Secretary, seems like a home coming, though it will never be the same place now that your active life has turned to somewhat other channels. I have rejoiced to hear of the wonderful work you are still able to do and trust now that I shall see you more frequently than when my headquarters were in San Francisco. I hope that Mrs. Speer is well and know that both of you are rejoicing at the prospect of seeing Margaret again when the Gripsholm returns from her second voyage.

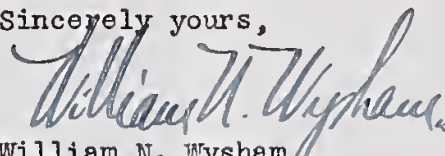
On my first day in the office I had an air mail letter from William Miller in Iran, telling of the marvelous liberty to preach the gospel which he is now enjoying. Such miraculous news tends to make me restless in the desire to be working side by side with him again, but there seems to be a task for me here at home now.

William enclosed a letter for Dr. George Irving, written only a short time before his death. I never had the privilege of meeting Dr. Irving and I know that you will forward this letter to the proper person, because of your close relationship with him.

If I am not mistaken, you and I both have a birthday on the same day this week and I want to wish you many happy and healthful returns of the day.

With regards to you and Mrs. Speer,

Sincerely yours,



William N. Wysham
Secretary for the Eastern Area

WNN:MB
Dictated 9/7/43

March 29, 1940

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Mr. McBrier, Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer, Mrs. Parlin	\$ 47,000.00
Pledges and Payments from Trustees and Members, Women's College Committee	5,455.00
Pledges and Payments from Yenching friends	<u>4,957.00</u>
	\$ 57,412.00

Amount needed	\$70,000.00
Received in pledges and payments	<u>57,412.00</u>
Balance to be obtained	\$12,588.00

March 29, 1940

YENCHING WOMEN'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND CAMPAIGN

Mrs. H. C. Coleman, Norristown, Pennsylvania (unsolicited)	\$ 50.00	Old
Mr. Leroy C. Barret, West Hartford, Connecticut	5.00	Old
Mrs. Olive H. Palmer, San Francisco (in memory of Mrs. Charles Holbrook, deceased)	100.00	New
Mrs. Frederick R. Kellogg, Morristown, New Jersey	5.00	Old
Miss Alice Keep Clark, Evanston, Illinois	50.00	Old
Miss Eva M. McMillan, Manhattan, Kansas	10.00	New
Miss Ruth Ely Williamson, Cleveland Heights, Ohio	5.00	Old
Miss M. Marguerite McGowen, Fort Morgan, Colorado	15.00	Old
Juliette M. Atherton Trust, Honolulu	250.00	Old
Miss Helen E. McIvor, Franklin, Massachusetts	10.00	Old
Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin, San Francisco, California	10.00	Old
Miss Frances B. Patterson, Chicago	2.00	Old
Mr. Chung K. Ai, Honolulu	6.00	Old
Dr. Helen C. Putnam, Providence	250.00	Old
Merrill-Palmer Staff, Detroit	25.00	New
Mrs. Truman S. Potter, Chicago	50.00	Old
Mrs. William H. Moore, New York City	1,000.00	Old
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Miss Miriam Dwight Walker, New Canaan, Connecticut	500.00	Old
Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Luce, Haverford, Pennsylvania	100.00	Old
Professor Maud A. Huttman, New York City	2.00	Old
Mrs. George W. Perkins, New York City	<u>1,000.00</u>	Old
	\$3,457.00	

Pledge:

Mrs. George W. Perkins, payable in three annual payments	<u>1,500.00</u>	Old
	\$4,957.00	

YENCHING WOMEN'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND

Conditional Pledges:

Mr. E. M. McBrier	\$15,000.00
Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer	20,000.00
Mrs. C. C. Farlin	12,000.00

Pledges and Payments Received Toward Balance Needed to Complete Fund:

Mrs. J. M. Avard	25.00
Miss Margaret E. Burton	25.00
Miss Helen B. Calder	10.00
Mrs. Samuel McCree Cavert	25.00
Mrs. Rex S. Clements	10.00
Mrs. Ferr Diefendorf	50.00
Miss Eleanor Brooks Fabyan	15.00
Mrs. John H. Pinley	1,000.00
Dean Lucy J. Franklin	10.00
Mr. B. A. Garside	100.00
Professor Eliza P. Kendrick	50.00
Mrs. T. D. Macmillan	50.00
Mrs. Maurice T. Moore	2,650.00
Mrs. Timothy N. Pfeiffer	250.00
Mrs. C. C. Pratt	25.00
Miss Josephine L. Rathbone	50.00
Mr. Leslie R. Rounds	50.00
Mrs. Charles K. Roys	10.00
Mrs. Robert E. Speer	50.00
Dr. William J. Thompson	1,000.00
	<u>\$6,425.00</u>

February 15, 1940

Miss McAfee will send payment before end of academic year.
 Mrs. Cecil - telegram saying she will send payment - \$15.00; more later.

Zeigler, Earl F.

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February 18, 1942

910 WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Away back in 1938 we corresponded with you about writing an issue of "Today" the little magazine for daily devotional use. Your reply indicated that you were congenial to the idea but that it was not your desire to compete with your brethren in sending sample pages for examination. The Committee on "Today" has secured permission to waive this rule in your case and a definite invitation for you to write the issue for April, 1943, is now being extended to you. We hope very much that you will be able to accept this assignment. Your manuscript should be in Philadelphia on or before November 1, 1942. The honorarium for an accepted manuscript for "Today" is \$50.00. Kindly let me know on the enclosed postal card at your earliest convenience whether you can accept.

We are enclosing mimeographed specifications which we send to prospective writers, and which you may wish to have in hand. In preparing the manuscript you will of course bear in mind any calendar events that have religious significance.

God bless you in your work.

Sincerely,

Earl F. Zeigler

Earl. F. Zeigler

*Act.
Said you would
conserve as good
as possible.*

Zenos, Ruth

Apr. 22, - 1927

My dear Dr. Speer;

I have felt like writing you a little note to tell you how sorry I am not to be in Chicago this week so I might hear your wonderful messages to the people of Faith Church.

I think it was two or three years ago I said to my dear husband, "How

the same toward him.

Nearly every letter I have received from friends, and they have been many, has said, "He was truly a great man!"

I am with my daughter Mrs. Louie here in St.

Paul now; My other daughter who is in Chicago and attends the Fourth Church, wrote me, that you preached a wonderful sermon on the 12th.

I wish Dr. Speer was going to be here, I wouldn't want to miss one evening. And now, Dr. Speer, I need your help and encouragement more than ever.

I am very lonely without my dear companion. Sometimes I feel I can hardly go on without him.

He loved you Dr. Speer, and I am sure you felt

I hope you will pardon
my taking your time in
writing to you. But I
felt I really wanted to.

The dear Lord I feel is
helping me each day to go
in

Very cordially yours
Ruth E. Hunter.

Miss Andrew's,

172. Gayton Ave.

St. Paul, Minn.

April 22nd.

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SAMUEL M. ZWEMER
THIRTY-THREE FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK CITY

Sept 16 - 41

Dear Robert - We are in our new apartment and Mrs Zwemer I would love to have you drop in some time when you are in the City & dedicate the "home" for us. It is already a house of prayer - and close to 1st Presb. & Church of the Ascension. Quieter, smaller, cheaper cosier & next to these noble Synagogues.

By this time the publishers will have sent you my book & I hope to see your review-article as editorial

in the Jan. 1912 issue. Do not make it too short.

Dr. Calverley has an anonymous article from
some missionary in the New East disagreeing with
the old paths of evangelism & suggestion that there not
only "open disciples" & "secret disciples" among Muslims but
a third variety counting thousands who are trying to give
Jesus a place next to Moh. and follow a "Jesus Way"!
These are to be encouraged etc - I showed the
article to Barney of Avahia & he hopes we will not
publish it. Hocking & his disciples have made sad
inroads. I hope you & yours are well. Dr. Raymond Sull
J. returns from South America next week. Claude & Bessie Pichens
are sticking to it in China. I am affectionately
I am

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SAMUEL M. ZWEMER
THIRTY THREE FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK CITY

Nov 3. - 41

Dear Robert - That Near East Council started a ball rolling which the Delhi meeting after Madras did not stop. And your editorial is still seed corn unscown. Meanwhile I got the enclosed unexpected letter. I regret its proposal. Could you be present at that time on my invitation? Or if not will you send me a brief letter about such views? We need your stalwart aid -
Very affectionately Sam.

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SAMUEL M. ZWEMER
THIRTY THREE FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK CITY

May 14 - 42

Dear Robert - These are glorious spring days & I hesitate to trouble you with the enclosed. But you have been so sympathetic in my problem that I want you to share this stage in its progress - & I hope - solution. I have had no reply as yet from Dr. Calverley but he assured me at Hartford that he desired my continuance as Chief editor. Our financial problem is increasing as our old economic printer must give up his work for us.

So we walk softly & await the issue.

The editorial secured from Mr. Wm. Paton strikes
the right note. So does Dorothy Sayre!

This morning we had cable news through the Episcopal
Board that all our loved family are well in Chefoo
& Hankow. Claude is still at Hankow alone.

Have you recent news from your daughter?

as ever yours affectionately

J. J. Jewers

R.E. Speer
Confidential copy
SLS

May 12, 1942

Dear Calverley:

In our interview and in your earlier letters, you assured me that you do not desire me to discontinue my work as Editor and I wish to assure you again that I deeply appreciate all you have done since you became Associate Editor. You have secured scholarly articles and reviews which would have been impossible for me now that I am retired from a university center. As successor to Dr. Macdonald you have a great tradition and inspiration which will prove most valuable.

Nevertheless, the theological atmosphere of New England and in recent years of Hartford is not that of Princeton nor of the old missionary leadership under which I was brought up. It is rather important, therefore, that we understand each other fully when we speak of our magazine as a Christian quarterly review and of keeping it on an evangelical basis.

I have been reading carefully two papers published in I.R.M., for October 1923, by Robert Speer and the Bishop of Bombay, both of them old friends of mine. Their subject was Missionary Cooperation in the Face of Doctrinal Differences and both writers made a strong plea (which I heartily endorse) to avoid all narrowness, theological bickering and bigotry. Yet they lay down a similar principle at the close of their argument. Dr. Speer wrote: "One thing only is essential, and that is that we should hold a fundamentally unitary faith in and about our Lord Jesus Christ as He is set forth in the New Testament. There is room for the full freedom of the Spirit, and the New Testament itself declares that 'the letter killeth', but the picture of Christ in the New Testament is not letter but life. St Paul knew no fundamental issue but the issue of Christ."; and Dr. Palmer: "But the matter is far otherwise with regard to those whose teaching involves a definite denial that our Lord is God. I do not see how co-operation in propagating belief in Jesus Christ as the determining factor in life can possibly be carried on together by persons who affirm Him to be God, and others who deny that He is God."

Now, this is the very question that faces us, I believe, in the future policy of our magazine. I did not feel at all at home in the First Hartford Conference during the discussions. Nor did the proposal as first made for a Moslem World Fellowship ~~intrigue~~ me.

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Most of all, I became uneasy when we published the article by Dr. Riggs and by X from Turkey on the real basis and aim of missions. I wrote to Dr. Riggs and in his reply he was frank enough to say: "I am in full agreement with you when you say that the suggested new methods 'go square athwart' the usually accepted 'practice of Protestant and Catholic Missions for the past century.' But I do not feel, as you seem to, that the fact that there is deep disagreement among sincere and devoted workers is a reason for not coming together to study this manifest difference together, and, as I hope, in a spirit of fellowship, with open mind."

Regarding the topics proposed for the Moslem World Fellowship, which had their origin, I believe, in Hartford, Dr. Speer was still more explicit. In a letter dated November 8th, he wrote: "I can't come to the 'Moslem World Fellowship' on Nov. 21. My own opinions on the agenda are sufficiently expressed in the article which I wrote for the Moslem World. It is enough to ask these men to justify their position from the New Testament -- if they can -- which they can't."

"All this is only part of that relaxing and relinquishing of New Testament Christianity which is represented in the 'liberalism' and 'humanism' of 'Rethinking Missions'. Can't these men see that this is not Christianity and that the theological thought of today is discarding their ethical naturalism and relativism and returning to evangelical realism?"

Now, if this method and these professed aims are thus characterized by one whose devotion and breadth of sympathy none can doubt, what must be the policy of our quarterly to remain true to the evangelical tradition? I think it is all summed up for us by your distinguished predecessor, who knew Islam and Christianity in their relationships better than either of us. It is found in his article on the Essence of Christian Missions in the October 1932 issue of The Moslem World. I wish you would read the entire article, but I quote the last two paragraphs: "So it is very plain that the religion of the West must go to the East as an essential part of its civilization, and that can only be done through Christian Missions of the old-fashioned kind, Missions which carry and preach as a divine fact the Incarnate Life of the Lord Christ. That this is a frankly supernatural doctrine makes no difficulty for the East; for it a religion must be supernatural; otherwise it is nothing."

"So we are forced back, at all issues, on the great Commission of Christ himself to his Apostles, and the analogies as to methods and attitude of the first generation of the Christian Church hold still for us. How did these earliest missionaries, the fathers of us all, face their task and carry it out?"

The great commission which Dr. Macdonald and all evangelicals consider fundamental is rejected, as you know, on so-called critical grounds by the liberals, see Dr. Fahs' recent paper. The fact is

that there is no external evidence against the last section of Matthew's Gospel whatever.

Two cannot walk together except they be agreed. When they disagree, they come to the parting of the roads. The thirty volumes of The Moslem World would prove, I think, to most unprejudiced minds that my editorial policy has not been narrow or bigoted, although it has been Christian. An excellent illustration of the kind of Christianity at the antipodes of the evangelical position, toward the Moslem World, is that of Beirut University. Dr. Thayer Addison describes with perfect touch the result of such liberalism on page 130 of his recent book. It is not surprising that an institution with such ideals is in strange and sad contrast to the University of St. Joseph at Beirut. This university, as you know, has made distinct and very important contributions to the study of Islam and its relation to Christianity as a missionary faith. The American University has never uttered a note. I wish you would compare Dr. Addison's sketch of this institution with the review which we are to publish in the July issue, of its seventy-five years' history. I am convinced that both in the selection of book reviewers and in that of contributors we need to be of one mind and heart and that then the editorial policy will be understood by those evangelical groups and individuals who have, from the outset and for thirty years, supported the magazine by faith, prayer and sacrifice.

I do not write this letter on my own initiative but after careful thought and consultation with those who for many years have helped to carry the burden and who are primarily interested in the evangelization of Moslems. I wish you would share this letter with President Barstow as it contains what I wished to say to him when I came to Hartford.

With cordial regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Edwin E. Calverley,
143 Sigourney Street,
Hartford, Conn.

SAMUEL M. ZWEMER
THIRTY THREE FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK CITY

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March 21 / 43

Dear Robert - I am leaving today for Dallas for
the lectures from there to Chicago for two weeks with
the Lutheran (Norwegian) Covenant Churches.

The new book "Screw-tape Letters" is worth careful reading
to have followed it by the symposium on Liberal
Theology (Editor E. W. Lyman) & published by Scribner.

It is painful reading and a revelation of how
far present-day liberalism has gone in denial
of what just I hold vital & precious.

May I ask a great favor? It is an editorial
article on this volume entitled "Liberal Theology
& the Missionary Enterprise" or "Liberalism and the
Finality of Jesus Christ" - ? I do very much
want this emphasized in our Modern World
Quarterly & would use it in the July or October
issue. Will you break a lance in this arena
once more & fight? With affectionate regard
Yours always
SAM.

with Zwemer

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March 17, 1943.

*Dear Robert -
This will amuse you a
bit. I assured him you
were Robert &
still going strong
with love. Sam.*

Dr. Samuel Zwemer
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Zwemer:

Since you were with us last November, Mrs. Rees and I have recalled a number of times the delightful fellowship we had with you and Mrs. Zwemer. We covet the opportunity of having you with us again.

My purpose in writing at the moment is to ask for a bit of confidential information concerning a brother whose name has been before our Pastors' Committee in connection with the proposed conference for this coming November. I refer to Dr. Robert Spear. The question in the minds of the brethren has to do solely with his physical fitness. Not any of the men have heard him in recent years. Is he taking conference engagements of this character? How well is he able to measure up to the magnificent work of the years gone by? If you can give me a frank appraisal of his present effectiveness for such a task as we would want him to carry here, I shall be very grateful. With the knowledge you have of our situation, what would your judgment be with respect to inviting him?

It is my hope that you will be able to have an answer in my hands not later than Saturday, April 3d.

Thanking you for your kindness, and assuring you of my Christian love and esteem, I am,

Most cordially yours,

Paul J. Rees

[Handwritten flourish]



"Let us bestow thought on one another with a view to arousing one another to brotherly love and right conduct; not neglecting—as some habitually do—to meet together, but encouraging one another, and doing this all the more since you can see the day of Christ approaching." HEB. 10:24, 25 (WEX.)